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DAILY PRAYERS

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IN A COURSE OF FOUR WEEKS.

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PREFACE.

THE following Course of Prayers for Family Worship was appended to the original edition of the "EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL COMMENTARY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT," which, at the death of the lamented author, I was called upon to edit and complete. The revision of the work extended to these forms of prayer, which thus became, I have reason to believe, more adapted to general use. A request has often been expressed that the prayers might be published separately, in the form of a small volume. In yielding to that request, it has been found desirable again to revise them; and, in so doing, I have made a little alteration in the original plan—by incorporating several of the Occasional Forms with the daily prayers. A few additions have also been made: and in many instances the expressions have been altered. My aim has been to make this manual as comprehensive and plain as I could, without

lessening the spiritual tone which pervaded the original composition.

I do not feel it necessary here to dwell on the importance of Family Prayer, and the best mode of conducting it, having written very fully on this subject in my preface to the "Family Altar." I have only to express my confident hope that the present volume may be found helpful in promoting family devotion—whether it be selected for general use, or whether it be adopted as a change, after long familiarity with some other book of prayers.

May God pour out a spirit of prayer, both on individuals and families; and may all his people listen to that voice which saith, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

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FIRST WEEK.

SABBATH MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whom we live, and move, and have our being—who hast preserved us all our life long, and brought us to the beginning of this day in safety—we come into thy holy presence, trusting only in the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O our God, we acknowledge that we are unworthy even to speak unto thee. We have provoked thee to anger by our sins. We have grievously departed from thee. Yet look upon us with compassion for the sake of Jesus; and as thou hast granted us the privilege of another Sabbath, give us grace that we may worship thee, this day, in spirit and in truth.

We grieve to think how often we have drawn near to thee with our lips, while our hearts have been far from thee. Teach us how

to pray, we beseech thee. O our Father, give to us thy Holy Spirit. Put life and energy into all the services of this day. May we never be content with mere outward worship, but may we seek to enjoy thy presence in all our privileges. Meet us in thy house of prayer, and manifest thyself to our souls; and so bless and sanctify to us every means of grace, that this day may be to us an earnest of the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

O Lord Jesus, the fountain of mercy—all our happiness comes from thee, for thou hast the words of eternal life; and thou hast said, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Gracious Lord, we plead thine own promise. To thee we would come for rest and peace. Deliver us from the burden of sin. Satisfy us with thy loving-kindness. Wash us in the fountain of thy precious blood, and show us the light of thy countenance, that we may rejoice in thee all the days of our life.

Accept our grateful thanks, O Lord, for all *thine undeserved* mercies—for health, while

many are suffering from sickness—for food and raiment, while others are in need of both. But, above all, we would bless and praise thee for the gift of thy beloved Son. O that we may learn this day to love him more. May the preaching of the Gospel be accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost to our hearts. May Jesus be revealed to us in all his glory and beauty: so shall we enjoy the blessedness of spiritual union with him, our risen Head.

And now, O Lord, we plead for those to whom thou hast committed the ministry of thy word, and who shall stand up in thy name, this day, to preach the Gospel of thy grace. Enable them to trust to the teaching of thy Spirit, and not to any strength or wisdom of man. Especially bless *him* to whom we this day look for instruction; and grant that a word in season may be conveyed to our souls, to quicken us to increased devotedness, and higher enjoyment of the things of God. Open the treasury of thy grace, O Lord, and satisfy us with thy fulness. Remove every cloud of ignorance and unbelief. May we so delight ourselves in thee, and in the

glorious realities thou hast promised, that every thing on earth may lose its glory, by reason of the glory that excelleth. Then shall this Sabbath be to us a blessed foretaste of the joys to come.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we ask these blessings. For his sake give us more than we desire or deserve. And to him, with thyself and the eternal Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY GHOST, BE WITH US ALL EVERMORE. AMEN.

SABBATH EVENING.

O EVER-BLESSED Saviour, who art able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by thee, we draw near to the throne of grace in thine all-prevailing name.

O God, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. We grieve that we have not loved thee with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. Our worship of thee has been marked by infirmity; and pollution has cleaved to our holiest acts of devotion. We would fly to the cleansing fountain of the Redeemer's blood, to be washed from the sins of this day. We would lay hold upon his strength, renouncing all self-dependence, and thus receive that blessing from thee which thou

art ready to bestow. We would rejoice that the whole burden of our sin has been laid upon Jesus, who was made a sin-offering for us. We would look to Him as our advocate, mediator, and atoning priest,—so shall our conscience be eased of the burden of sin, and we shall lie down in peace, in the assured hope of acceptance with thee.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour upon us the Holy Spirit, and so give effect to thy word which we have this day heard. In vain shall we have received it, unless thou follow it with thy blessing; but do thou so prepare our hearts that the seed sown may be nourished, and bring forth abundantly the fruits of righteousness. Lord, we pray for thy Spirit. Thou hast said, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Oh! teach us to thirst for the largest supplies of thy heavenly grace. May thy glory be revealed to us, and our hearts rejoice in the possession of thy love. Keep us ever near to thee; enable us to walk in the light of thy countenance. Take us into more close and happy union with thyself,

and nourish our souls with the bread of life, from day to day.

O Lord, we would remember before thee those who have been engaged this day in the ministry of thy holy word. Strengthen them with the food which they have dispensed to others; and enable them to exhibit an example of those precepts which they have taught in thy name. Grant that the petitions which they and we have offered this day, may be abundantly answered to the glory of thy Name, and to the good of our souls.

And now, Lord, we commend ourselves to thy care and keeping. Watch over us during the night. Preserve us from all dangers both of body and soul. Refresh our wearied bodies with needful rest; and if another day be added to our lives, enable us to show that we are not forgetful hearers of thy word.

Hear these our prayers, for the sake of Him, through whom alone we can expect an answer—the Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed, as is most justly due, everlasting praise and glory. AMEN.

MONDAY MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, who hast renewed our lives and thy mercies to us this morning, and hast raised us up to see the light of another day, unto thee do we lift up our souls in prayer. Adored be thy mercy which has provided a way of acceptance for us, miserable sinners, through the Son of thy love. Adored be that goodness which allows us to come to thee with boldness in his name. For his sake hear and answer us.

O Lord God, our iniquities have increased over our heads, and our trespasses have grown up into the heavens. We are ungrateful and rebellious children, but thou art a long-suffering and most merciful Father. We acknowledge our transgressions, and earnestly seek thy pardoning mercy. We come to thee this morning, pleading thy promise that thou wilt give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask. Lord, give unto us the unction of that Spirit. It is only as thou dost endue us with power from on high, that we shall be enabled to resist the temptations

of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Truly our flesh cleaveth unto the earth. Though bound to thee by every tie of gratitude, yet our affections are too often entangled by the things of time. O our Father, have pity upon thy poor weak children, who are struggling to love and serve thee in the midst of a world of iniquity. We have no power in ourselves, to help ourselves; but we bless and praise thee, that thou hast made provision for our wants, and that thou hast promised that thy strength shall be made perfect in our weakness. O Lord, fulfil thy word unto us, and make us more than conquerors through him that loved us.

We are now entering upon another week, and we desire to be more devoted to thee. Lord, enable us to enjoy the hidden life of Jesus; to war against everything that would rob us of our peace, or provoke thee to withdraw from us the light of thy countenance. We would live to thy glory, and walk with thee all the day long. But who is sufficient for these things? Lord, *we* are not, but thou canst enable us. Give us, then, the Holy Ghost in all his

sustaining power. Stamp thine image upon our hearts, and enable us to manifest the life of godliness. We bless thee for any enjoyment we have had in spiritual things. We praise thee even for the desire to serve thee; and we beseech thee to strengthen us to follow what thou hast taught us to love.

But, O Lord, if there be any among us—or among our relations, or friends, who are yet strangers to these precious truths, have mercy upon them for Jesus Christ's sake. Open their eyes to see their danger. Direct them to the sacrifice for sin in the blood of Jesus; and to the remedy for the love of sin, in the regenerating and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost.

[Bless, O Lord, all who dwell in this house. Remember with thy special favour the children of this family. We ask not for them the great things of this world; but we pray thee to bless their precious and immortal souls. Call them early by thy grace, O Lord. Give them thy Holy Spirit. Bring them to the knowledge and love of thy name. May they be trained

up in thy faith, fear, and love—and not after the course and fashion of this world. Grant that they may be all adopted into thy family, and taught of thee to walk as thy beloved children.]

From all the temptations to which we may this day be exposed, good Lord, preserve us. Keep us humble—distrustful of ourselves, but confident of strength in thee. Grant these our petitions, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

MONDAY EVENING.

WE come before thee this evening, O gracious Lord, under a consciousness of our sinfulness, and of thine exceeding holiness. Thou art the Holy One. Thou canst not bear iniquity. But thou hast provided the cleansing fountain of a Saviour's blood. We would there wash, and be clean; and in his name we would present this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise.

Thy goodness has spared us through another day. Lord, thou knowest all our short-comings before we speak, yet we would make our confession to thee. We are verily guilty before thee. Our own consciences accuse us of having left undone what we might have done; and of having done what we should not have done. O God, our hearts are deceitful above all things. We have not loved thee as we ought. We have too often forgotten thee. Lord, we cry unto thee for the Holy Spirit, that we may have that spiritual mind, which is joy and peace. May the Spirit be in us a well of water springing

up into everlasting life, enriching us with the knowledge and love of Jesus. O Lord, we know that we can have no happiness but in thee. Without the light of thy countenance we have no peace. Oh! may thy love be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, that our love to thee may be more perfect, engaging our best desires, and employing all our powers of mind and body in thy service. Thou didst love us, when we cared not for thee; yea, when, by wicked works, we were thine enemies. O break these hard and stony hearts; and may every thought, word, and deed be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Remove from us all strife and envying, all unholy divisions, and whatever belongs to that carnal mind which is enmity against thee; and grant that the fruits of the Spirit may abound in us, to thy glory, and to our greater joy. Make us humble and lowly in our own eyes, esteeming others better than ourselves. Enable us to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Strengthen the faith of those who trust in thy name; and to those who have not

faith, give it unto them for Jesus' sake. Oh! let none of us be self-deceived; may all our hope be founded upon the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Show us our real state and character. Take away every false prop upon which we are inclined to lean, and establish us upon Jesus, the rock of ages—the unfailing foundation of the sinner's hope.

We praise thee, O Lord, for unnumbered mercies, of which we are utterly unworthy. We bless thee that thou hast not given us over to a reprobate mind, nor taken us away in the midst of our iniquities. O help us to magnify thy name by a holy and decided life, and to set forth thy praise by word and deed in the midst of an ungodly world.

To thy care we commend ourselves, this night. May we lie down in peace with thee and all the world. Pardon the imperfections of our prayers; and supply all our need, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

TUESDAY MORNING.

MOST blessed Lord, who delightest in showing mercy to those who honour thy beloved Son; we come into thy presence this morning, trusting to that complete atonement which he has made upon the cross.

Thou hast commended thy love to us, in that thou hast given thy Son for our sins; and yet we have requited thy goodness by ingratitude and rebellion. O Lord, we humble ourselves before thee on account of our sins. We pray to be delivered from them. We want that holiness which is happiness. We knock at the door of mercy this morning, and implore thee to give us a father's blessing. We ask thee not so much for the good things of this world: we know that these cannot ease the burdened conscience, nor subdue our corruptions. But we pray thee to give us the Holy Spirit that we may resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We would not retain one secret sin, but would mortify and

resist every unholy thought and vain desire.

We pray for the mind that was in Christ Jesus. O for more of the life of God in our hearts! Lord, confirm and strengthen in us whatever thou thyself hast planted; and cast out of us all things that offend against the holiness that becomes thy faithful followers.

And, O Lord, look in mercy upon those who are yet unconverted by the Spirit of Christ, who love the world in preference to thee, and who follow its ways instead of the ways of holiness. Show them their danger and their loss. Convince them that they are in the road that leads to the ruin of their souls. Give them thy Spirit to display to them the love and beauty of the Lord Jesus; so that their affections may be withdrawn from unworthy objects, and centred upon him. O adorable Redeemer, so manifest thy love to each of us, that we may esteem thee the chief among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. May our hearts and thoughts dwell upon thee all the day long.

O Lord, we would praise thee for what we have so undeservedly received. Praise to thee

for the blessings of the past night—that we laid us down to sleep, and were raised in safety. Help us to begin this day with an increased desire to live to thy glory. We give thee thanks for the measure of health thou dost permit us to enjoy, for food and raiment, and for all the blessings of this life; but, above all, we praise thee for the unspeakable gift of thy beloved Son, and for our perfect redemption by him. O God, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of those heavenly blessings that are treasured up in Jesus.

And now, Lord, we pray thee to watch over us while we pass through the world this day. Lead us not into temptation—deliver us, if tempted. Enable us to glorify thee in our several callings in life. Be thou ever present with us, to regulate our tempers, affections, and pursuits. Hear these our prayers, O Lord, for the sake of him in whom thou art ever well pleased—the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

TUESDAY EVENING.

BLESSED be the name of our God, who has safely brought us to the close of this day. We adore thee for thy goodness; and in the name of our gracious Saviour we present ourselves before thee this night. We plead his precious blood for the pardon of sin. We praise thee for that cleansing fountain which is opened for the chief of sinners. It is of thy mercy alone, that none of us have been cut off in the midst of our iniquities; and we rejoice in the blessed truth that Jesus is able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.

O Lord, increase our faith. Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief. Forgive whatever thou hast found amiss in us and in our services this day. If we have yielded to temptation—if we have not been watchful over our hearts—if we have spoken unadvisedly with our lips—if we have neglected opportunities of usefulness, good Lord, forgive *us.*

Gracious Father, we not only desire pardon for the past, but strength for the time to come. If another day be added to our lives, enable us to avoid the sins of which our consciences accuse us. For this purpose, bestow upon us the abundant gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may subdue the corruptions of the flesh, and exhibit the power of godliness in the life of faith. O Lord, give us grace to devote the remainder of our lives wholly and unreservedly to thee. The night is far spent—the day is at hand. Enable us to cast away the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light. Give us an increasing desire for conformity to the life of Jesus. The ways of sin are ways of sorrow. We therefore pray for power over sin. We implore of thee to give us an abundant supply of the Holy Spirit, that we may be numbered amongst thy true children, who hate iniquity and are zealous of good works. Show us, more and more, the deceitfulness of our own hearts. Enable us to detect the secret motions of sin within us; and may we, through thy strength,

have power to resist and to overcome the enemy of our souls.

When we lie down to rest at night, may we more and more realize the time when we shall be stripped of our mortal tabernacle, and enter upon the state beyond the grave. O blessed Lord Jesus, who tasted the bitterness of death, that we might be relieved from its terrors, take from us the sting of death, by showing us that thou hast taken upon thyself our transgressions. Speak peace to our souls, through the blood of thy cross. Give us the assurance of pardoned sin, and of acceptance with thee; that fear may be completely removed, and that we may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

For the mercies of the past day, accept our grateful thanks. Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Into thine arms we now commend ourselves, this night. Watch over us for good. Refresh our bodies with needful rest; and may the strength which we thus receive be gratefully employed in thy service.

Hear us, O our God. We speak to thee as children to a parent, for we have boldness to draw near to thee through Jesus. For his sake, we beseech thee, mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Thou great first cause; thou author of our being; thou Lord of heaven and earth! How could we have dared to speak to thee, or to raise our eyes to the place where thine honour dwelleth, hadst thou not opened a way of access, through the Lord Jesus Christ! He is our only Saviour. Lord, we disclaim all others; and cling to his cross as the only refuge of our guilty souls.

We grieve to think of our base ingratitude towards thee, who art so worthy of our best affections. We are pained to think what trifles draw our hearts from thee, and how soon we return to earthly things. O God, for thy mercy's sake, give us the victory over ourselves. We acknowledge that we are insufficient, of ourselves, to control the passions of our minds. Our hearts are easily taken from thee, though we have charged them to love *thee;* they too often rove after forbidden

objects. We ask deliverance from self. O our Father, hear us; and send the Holy Ghost into our hearts, to reign and rule over every thought within. We pray for the full power of the Spirit, to the end that we may subdue self and live more decidedly to thy glory. We desire that the life which we now live, may be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us, and gave himself for us. Enable us to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts. Take from us every thing that interferes with our devotedness to thee, and make us wholly thine. Whom have we in heaven but thee! Whom upon earth shall we desire in comparison of thee! O give us freely of thy Spirit; purifying our hearts from the dross of earth, and conforming us more fully to the image of Jesus. Dispel every cloud of unbelief, and warm our hearts with the beams of thy love. Knit our affections to thee in a bond that no earthly power can sever; so that we may each be enabled to say, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Give us grace that we may go forth this day

as witnesses for Jesus, and testify for him by our lives and by our lips. Give us boldness to overcome the fear of man;—to rebuke sin wherever it appears;—and to exhibit in ourselves the power of thy Spirit to subdue it. Enable us to live this day above the world; and to keep in view the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. May we have deeper acquaintance with our own hearts, and larger manifestations of thy love, that we may live a life of praise and devotedness to the honour of thy name. O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. And, O Lord Jesu Christ, who hast promised to come again to thy people, teach us to love and long for the time of thine appearing, when thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven—when thou shalt bind Satan with everlasting chains, and rule the world in righteousness. May we wait for that *day more* than they who wait for the morning;

may we all look for thy coming in power and great glory.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy—to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, we come to present our evening sacrifice before thee, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast commanded us to pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. Bestow upon us, we beseech thee, the gift of the Holy Ghost, that we may be enabled to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto thee through Jesus Christ. Let us not be satisfied with the form of worship; but help us to enjoy it as an unspeakable privilege—thankful to be allowed to make our requests known unto thee; and may we now enter with boldness into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

Another day is gone, and we are so much nearer to our eternal home! Thy goodness, O Lord, has followed us this day, and preserved us from many dangers to which we have been exposed. Shall we not praise thee for these things, and acknowledge the hand that has

guarded us, and provided for us our necessary food? O Lord, we would bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory through his name.

Enable us, we beseech thee, to see more fully the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus. Remove from our hearts their natural enmity to the things that are spiritual; give us a hungering and a thirsting after righteouness. Thou, blessed Jesus, art the bread of life. Satisfy us with thyself. We would live upon thee, and grow up into thee in all things. Show us thy glory, we beseech thee, and so shall we be greatly humbled at our want of likeness to thee. Teach us also to strive for greater conformity to thy mind, that we may prove ourselves to be thy true and holy people. Help us so to love thee, that we may be content to bear shame and reproach and suffering for thy name's sake. May we be crucified to the world. May we be willing to

resign every earthly enjoyment that would interfere with the higher joy of communion with thee. O, remove every cloud of sin and unbelief, that would hide thee from our veiw; and let us dwell in the sunshine of thy love. In thy presence is fulness of joy. Heaven will be perfect happiness, because we shall see thee as thou art. Give us to enter into something of this joy upon earth, by causing us to walk in the light of thy countenonce.

O Lord, teach these precious truths to all thy dear children, that they may speak often one to another of thine amazing love, and help each other forward, as they pass through this wilderness. Have mercy upon those who love thee not, and turn their hearts truly to thyself. Show them that the world's pleasure is not worthy to be compared with the joy of reconciliation with thee, through the blood of the Lamb; and teach them to look for that glory that is to be revealed, when Jesus shall appear to make up his jewels.

Bless us this night for our Redeemer's name sake. May peace be our portion—the peace

that passeth all understanding. Should our rest be disturbed, may our thoughts be fixed on thee; and when we awake, may we still be with thee. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation; but seal us thine, unto the day of redemption, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU whose name is Jehovah—the self-existent God, whose creatures we are, and by whose bounty we live; it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should worship at thy footstool from day to day. We praise thee that thou hast permitted us to do so this morning—that thou hast provided a way of access to thyself, through the Lord Jesus Christ; and that, by him, we may expect to be supplied with whatever is needful for time and for eternity.

We know not, O Lord, what is for our good. Give us food and raiment, and make us therewith content. We know, O Lord, that we may ask for spiritual blessings without reserve. We therefore beseech thee to bless us abundantly with all that our souls require. Give us a deep sense of our own unworthiness. Show us more of the corruption of our own evil hearts, that we may trust them less, and cling to thee for strength to resist their unholy

propensities. We confide in the blood of Jesus for the pardon of all that is past; and we implore a plentiful supply of the Holy Spirit, to shed abroad the love of Jesus in our hearts. Make us holy, O our God; make us faithful and devoted witnesses for Jesus, in the midst of an ungodly world. Help us to manifest in our lives the power of godliness;—to be living epistles, known and read of all men;—to exhibit the Spirit's work in subduing our flesh.

Lord, we pray for greater light, and for greater enjoyment in the reading of thy holy word. We would feed upon its precious truths —love it as the record of our Father's will—and prefer it to every other study. May we find it profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; and may we, by it, be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Enable us to walk in wisdom toward them that are without; to show forbearance in all things; to reprove sin, in the spirit of love; and to manifest, that while we hate the sin, we

are moved by kindness toward those whom we are called to rebuke. Teach us, also, to correct those faults in ourselves, which we discover in others.

Lord, increase our faith, and perfect what is lacking in it, that we may be strong in faith, giving glory to thee. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, enable us so to walk in him, rooted, and built up in him, and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. We bless thee, gracious Lord, that we have heard the sound of the Gospel. O, may our advantages never turn to our greater condemnation; nor may we be found among those unprofitable servants, who knew their Master's will, but did it not.

Accept our thanks for the blessings of the past night; for peace, protection, and health. Keep us this day in thy faith and fear. May we walk as in thy presence, assured that there is not a thought in our hearts, but thou knowest it altogether; and may we do all things to thy glory.

May the very God of peace sanctify us wholly; and we pray that our whole spirit, soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the day of the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ. Teach us to wait for that day with our loins girt and our lamps burning brightly; so shall we ever dwell in the presence and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

THURSDAY EVENING.

FATHER of all mercies, who hast watched over us during this day, and brought us to the close of it in safety, before we lay ourselves down to take our rest, we would commend our bodies and souls to thy gracious keeping.

Blessed Saviour, through thee we now come to the throne of grace; and we pray to be cleansed from the defilement which we have contracted in our walk through the world, this day. Blot out as a cloud our transgressions, and as a thick cloud our sins. We return unto thee, for thou hast redeemed us.

O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servants; for in thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. We would confess our sins before thee; for thou hast declared thyself faithful and just to forgive us all our iniquities. Fulfil thine own promise, and for Jesus Christ's sake remove from us all that guilt of which our consciences may accuse us this night.

But we seek not only deliverance from the

punishment of sin—we most earnestly pray to be freed from its power. We mourn over the law of sin that is in our members. When we would do good, evil is present with us; and the evil that we would not, we have too often done. O Lord, may we long to be delivered from sin. Pardon, we beseech thee, the sins of this day; and give us grace and strength for the time to come. Send the Holy Ghost into our hearts, that we may be enabled to crucify sin, and be sanctified in body, soul, and spirit. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us.

Thou, Lord, who searchest the heart canst alone tell whether we *all* thus hate sin, and thirst for holiness. If there be any present who, while they confess their sin, yet love it in their hearts, do thou in mercy visit them with thy salvation. Create within us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. Oh, give us all one heart and one mind, that none, now kneeling before thee, may be wanting amongst the number of thy people;

but that our names may be written in the Lamb's book of life.

Bless us, O Lord, in our several stations. Bless those who rule—and may they never forget that they have a master in heaven whose forgiveness they daily need. Bless those who serve, so that they may have respect to the will of God, while obedient to an earthly master; and may every command that is agreeable to thy word be obeyed from the heart. May we, in our respective callings, adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; and while we bear the name of Christian, may we not contradict it by the practice of what is hateful to Christ.

Lord, we would be wholly thine. We yield ourselves as clay into the hands of the potter. Make us holy vessels, meet for our master's use. Fill us with the Spirit. Purify, illuminate, and sanctify us—that we may perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.

To the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be now ascribed all praise, majesty, and dominion, for ever. AMEN.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O THOU who art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person, and yet didst humble thyself to take our nature upon thee and become our Redeemer, we approach the Father's presence, this morning, in thy prevailing name.

We laid us down to sleep, and have risen in safety, for thou, O Lord, didst sustain us. Thou hast permitted us to see the light of another day. Oh, grant that the day-spring from on high may visit our souls; so that we may all behold the Sun of righteousness, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and admired in all them that believe. May we all be partakers of the spiritual life of him, into whose name we have been baptized, and whose faith we profess.

O Lord, thou hast added another day to our lives; and from painful experience of former weakness, we now offer up our prayers to thee for that strength which will carry us

through it in safety. Lord, we look not beyond it; give us this day our daily bread. Thou knowest the temptations to which we are exposed, from the world, the flesh, and the devil; thou knowest that we live in a world which is at enmity with thee—that every thing around us is full of the poison of sin, being under the curse—yea, that our hearts also are carnal, fond of the world's toys, and prone to choose the evil and refuse the good. But we rejoice, gracious Lord, that thou knowest our frame—that thou rememberest that we are but dust, and that like as a father pitieth his children, so dost thou pity us. Look then, we beseech thee, upon us, thy poor weak children, who humble ourselves before thee, and implore of thee, for the sake of our only Saviour, to endue us with strength for the work of this day. We have to resist sin in ourselves, and to combat it in the world; but who is sufficient for these things? We would trust to the power of the Holy Spirit. We come with our lamps in our hands to get oil for the wants of the

day. Give us largely, and freely, that our light may burn both bright and strong. Oh, for the power of the Holy Ghost to rest upon us, that we may be wholly separated from a world that lieth in the wicked one.

Blessed Saviour, we would be like thee. We desire to know the power of thy resurrection, that we may be willing to share thy sufferings, as we hope to share thy glory. We would count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of thyself. We would take up our cross and follow thee whithersoever thou goest. Take possession of our hearts; let not our affections wander from thee; bind us to thyself by the strongest cord of love. Heavenly Father, keep us close to thee, in all holy watchfulness, and enable us to obey thy blessed will in all things.

Bless each individual here before thee. May all whom we love, and all for whom we should pray, be taught to know the Saviour, and knowing him, to have life through his name. Hear us, we beseech thee, for his sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY EVENING.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we prize this hope yet more and more. Oh, may our hearts rejoice in thy salvation, that in sincerity we may say, Whom have we in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that we desire beside thee.

Gracious Lord, thou hast added to our lives another day, and with it manifold privileges and blessings. What shall we render unto thee for all the benefits that we have received—for life and health—for food and raiment—for preservation from a thousand evils—for the means of grace—and, above all, for the hope of glory through Jesus! Lord, we

have nothing to give, which has not first been received from thee. We can only add to our debt of gratitude, and draw a plea from all thy bounties, to ask thee for more. We pray especially for the gift of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to live on Jesus—to be so united to him that we may give up every object which interferes with our devotedness to thee. Oh, help us, by the mighty power of the Spirit, to mortify the flesh, with its affections and lusts, and to sit loose to the things of this world—its pleasures and pursuits. May our old nature be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. May we have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh; and may each day that brings us nearer to our eternal home, find us more weaned from all below, and our affections more and more set on heavenly things.

Pardon, O Lord, whatever we have been guilty of this day, whether they be sins of commission or omission. Give us true sorrow of heart for offending against thee, and make

us more watchful over our hearts for the time to come. Give to us all that godly sorrow which worketh repentance not to be repented of; and a sincere desire to avoid even the appearance of evil. Make us a holy people, that thy name may be sanctified in the midst of us.

Accept, O Lord, our praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings we enjoy. May we lie down at peace with thee; and may a sense of reconciliation, through the blood of the Lamb, give joy to our hearts. Should death or sickness this night visit us, may every fear be removed, in the confidence of acceptance through Him. Give that assurance of thy favour to those who have it not; so that they who, through fear of death, are all their lifetime subject to bondage, may know the glorious liberty which is to be enjoyed through the Saviour of sinners. We also beseech thee to hear us on behalf of our gracious Queen. Grant unto her heavenly wisdom, that she may rule the people over whom thou hast placed her, in thy faith and fear, and according to

thy holy Word. Let her throne be established in righteousness; and let her glory be great in thy salvation. Bless her soul with the knowledge of thy truth; and direct all her acts to the furtherance of thy Gospel. Bless all the Royal Family. Endue them with the Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom.

Lord, hear, answer, and abundantly bless us, for the sake of thy Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not, and dost not despise the meanest of thy creatures who come unto thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear and answer us while, through him as the way, the truth, and the life, we come boldly to the throne of grace.

Thou hast encouraged us to ask for great things, and we desire now to do so; yet not for the things of this world—for its riches, or its honours, which might prove a curse, instead of a blessing: but we ask for the pardon of daily sin, through the blood of Jesus; for an assurance of thy favour, and peace in our souls; for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may resist the temptations of the evil one, and manifest in our lives the power of thy grace. Blessed Lord, thou hast encouraged us to expect great things. We acknowledge that we have need of more faith *and* holy boldness; we have been straitened

in ourselves, and not in thee; our conquest over sin might have been greater, had we waited upon thee more for the Spirit. Oh, then, put into our hearts large desires, and satisfy the same by giving us all that we stand in need of, for the Saviour's sake.

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for thy preservation of us during the past night. We might have perished by fire, or have been visited by the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Oh, how great is thy goodness towards us. When we reflect how we have been kept in health and quietness, and free from the pain and misery that many have suffered this night, how greatly should we praise thee! O Lord, enable us to show forth that praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

And now that we enter upon the last day of the week, we would pray for the spirit of self-examination, and would remember before thee that this is the preparation of the Sabbath. Make it so to us, we pray thee. Enable us to set our house in order, and so to arrange our worldly business, that we may serve thee

without distraction, on thy holy day. And forasmuch as we know not what a day may bring forth, Oh, teach us to live each day as though it were our last, and be ready to welcome at any time the coming of our Lord. Cut every tie which binds us to earth; overcome our attachment to the things of the world; and enable us to sit completely loose to all but thee. Oh, may the roots of our affections strike deeper into the good soil, that being stablished and grounded in him we may be proof against the storms of adversity, and the force of temptation. Correct, we beseech thee, whatever thou seest amiss in our tempers and dispositions. Subdue the risings of unholy passions; say to the ruffled waves, Be still; let pride and harshness give place to meekness and humility; and may the spirit of the Saviour be manifest in all we say and do.

We pray thee to look upon thy ministering servants who are to stand up on the morrow to preach the gospel of thy grace. Be with them in their preparation for this great work.

May the Holy Ghost so fill them with the love of Jesus, and the love of souls, that they may fully testify of the riches of redeeming grace. Feed their own souls while they prepare to feed their flocks; and cause that an abundant blessing may follow their labour in the Lord.

Grant these our petitions, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Saviour and Redeemer; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed everlasting praise and glory. AMEN.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions, which we present to thee in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

We adore thy holy name, that he, the true Lamb of God, offered a sacrifice for us, and bore our sins in his own body on the tree. Forbid it, gracious Lord, that we should reject so great a benefit, or slight such wondrous love. Apply to each of us the full virtue of that Saviour's sacrifice. Cause us to rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins; and may we, through him, stand complete in all the will of God.

But, Lord, we confess that sin has too great influence over us. We implore thee, for the pitifulness of thy great mercy, to loose us. Let none before thee be deceived with the state of their own hearts. Make us free from the love of sin, and from the dominion of sin, by the power of the Holy Ghost;—so shall we

walk in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, and enjoy the holy liberty of thy children.

We mourn to think how much the things of the world prevail to draw our hearts from thee; what trifles interrupt our communion with thee. Oh, deliver us from a worldly spirit. Let us feel that this is not our rest—that it is polluted, and that all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. O Lord, may we be dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto righteousness. May we serve thee with a single eye, and live for thee alone.

We bless thee at the remembrance of thine unmerited mercies. We praise thee, that we, who have provoked thee so often to anger, who have grievously sinned and rebelled against thy laws, have not been visited by sudden judgment and left to perish in our sins. It is of thy mercy only that we have not been cut off in the midst of our iniquities. We call upon our souls to praise thee, O Lord, and all that is within us to bless thy holy

name. Let us not spend that life which thou hast so mercifully spared, in sin or vanity. We pray thee to take us as thine own. Make us a temple of the Holy Ghost, and reign within us, bringing every thought, word, and deed into the obedience of Christ.

Look in mercy, O Lord, we pray thee, upon all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. May thy chastenings yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness in those who are exercised thereby.

We would also pray thee to look with compassion upon the benighted children of Israel. Pour out thy Spirit upon them. Take thou the veil from their hearts; and reveal Jesus unto them as the way, the truth, and the life. Hasten the fulfilment of thy promises, O Lord, to this nation. Bless those who labour amongst them; and enable them so faithfully to testify of Jesus, that thine ancient people may see in him their long-expected *Messiah*—and, in him, find peace to their souls.

And now, Lord, we beseech thee, to forgive us the sins of the past week. We would lie down at peace with thee this night; so that if this night our souls should be required of us, we may be found in Jesus—accepted in him, the beloved. In his name we offer up our petitions; to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be all praise and glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

SECOND WEEK.

SABBATH MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast so loved a guilty world as to give thy Son Jesus Christ to die upon the cross for sinners, we draw near to thee through him, and implore acceptance for the Saviour's sake. O adorable Redeemer, who didst, as on this day, rise from the dead, and triumph over the powers of darkness, we come through thee, our prevailing Advocate, to worship at the throne of grace. O ever-blessed Spirit, whose office it is to take of the things of Christ, and to show them to us, be present with us while we are now engaged in solemn prayer.

We give thee thanks, O eternal Jehovah, for the blessing of another Sabbath—that we are called away from earthly cares, to spend this day with thee. A day in thy courts is *better* than a thousand elsewhere. But, O

Lord, we grieve to think how many Sabbaths we have spent without the enjoyment of thy presence. We have been too easily satisfied with the form of worship; we have too often drawn near to thee with our lips, while our hearts were far from thee. Lord, we confess our sin in this respect; and we pray most earnestly, that thou wilt send into our hearts the Holy Spirit, that we may draw near to thee in all the ordinances of this day. Help us to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Make us hate the sins that caused the sufferings of the Saviour, and adore the love which carried him through them all. O blessed Jesus, as thou didst die, cause sin to die in us; as thou didst rise from death, so raise us up to newness of life. Make us feel that being bought with a price, we are no longer our own, but should glorify thee with our bodies and our spirits, which are thine. We would make a solemn surrender of ourselves to thee, this day, to do all that thou dost command.

Be with us while we attend thy house of prayer. Solemnize our hearts with a sense

of thy presence, and with the manifestation of thy love. Remove from us all wandering of mind and worldliness of spirit. Let us not do our own ways, nor find our own pleasure, nor speak our own words, on this holy day: but make it our care to begin on earth, what we hope to enjoy with thee in heaven. Meet us, O Lord, when we seek thee in private prayer; and enable us to employ part of this day in the study of thy holy word and in the examination of our hearts, as before thee. If we are employed for the benefit of others, may we remember that thy blessing alone can prosper our labours. Prepare our hearts to receive the seed of heavenly truth; and may none of us trifle with the convictions of conscience.

We beseech thee to bless thy servants who are commissioned by thee to preach thy truth this day. Teach them, that they may teach others. May they not trust to the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. Cause many to know that the

gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, by leading them to believe its precious truths. May the Holy Spirit so accompany the word preached that this may be a day of rejoicing to many, by loosing the bonds of sin, removing their unbelieving fears, and manifesting Christ to their souls.

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayers, and may this day be to us a foretaste of eternal rest, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

SABBATH EVENING.

MOST gracious Lord, who hast added to our many mercies the blessing of another Sabbath, and hast allowed us, this day, to enjoy the means of grace which thou hast provided through our Lord Jesus Christ; bless us while we now worship thee in his name.

Conscious that we are unable to retain the good seed of thy word, or to bring any fruit to perfection, without the power of the Spirit in our hearts, we thy sinful and unworthy servants beseech thee now to give that Spirit to us. We have this day had life and death, blessing and cursing, set before us. Teach us to refuse the evil, and to choose the good. Increase whatever convictions may have been impressed upon our minds by the truth of thy word; and strengthen whatever resolutions we may have formed of living more devotedly to thee. Grant that the seed sown may not be taken away by the enemy of our souls. Break our stony hearts, that

they may receive the word of life. Remove the weeds of worldly cares, which would choke the tender blade; and may we bring forth an hundred fold of spiritual fruit, to thy glory.

And while we feel humbled before thee, under a sense of the imperfection that cleaves to our best service, we would praise thee for whatever enjoyment thou hast been pleased to allow us, in the ordinances of this day. Praise be to thee if the Saviour has been more precious to us—thy word more valuable, and sin more exceeding sinful. Praise be to thee if we have felt more as strangers and pilgrims on earth—if our hearts were more enlarged in communion with thee, and if we have more longed to be free from the body, to enter on a Sabbath of endless delight. O give us more of the teaching and sanctifying influences of thy Spirit. May he take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us:—so shall we experience more of these foretastes of heavenly bliss.

Lord, thou knowest our weakness—thou knowest how the great enemy of souls, and

the temptations of the world, oppose our spiritual progress,—and how often indwelling sin tempts us to grow weary in thy service. Help us, we beseech thee, to fight the good fight of faith, and to endure unto the end, looking unto Jesus. Give us to feel each day more deeply, the solemn importance of eternity. So shall we sit loose to the trifling things of time.

We would also pray for all our fellow-members incorporate in the mystical body of Christ. O blessed Saviour, do thou who art the Head of the body, graciously intercede for that portion of thy Church now militant here on earth. Pour out thy Spirit in abundant measure; and grant that all who profess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. May the hearts of all who shall be bound together hereafter in the bundle of life, be knit together here in the bonds of the Gospel; and may the savour of sanctity be found with each to the praise of thy glory. Oh, prepare thy bride to meet thee at thy

coming; and hasten thy kingdom, when thou shalt be glorified in all thy saints.

And we beseech thee, gracious Father, to have mercy upon those who have this day neglected thy house of prayer, and who have been following after the imagination of their own vain hearts. Oh, send forth thy Spirit to convince them of their sin and danger; graciously incline them to turn unto thee with true and hearty repentance; and bring them to know Jesus as the Saviour, whom to know is life eternal.

O Lord, hear us, and abundantly bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

MONDAY MORNING.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast promised that where two or three meet together in thy name, there thou wilt be in the midst of them; fulfil that promise to us, thy waiting people, who come to worship thee this morning, in the name of our adorable Redeemer.

Another day thou hast added to our lives, and dost call upon us to show whether we will be doers of the word which we heard upon the last Sabbath, or whether we have only been forgetful hearers. O Lord, may the desire of our hearts be to follow thee fully. But we need the power of thy grace. We are surrounded by temptations, and our own evil heart is the worst of our foes. We implore of thee to take pity on us, and to send the Holy Ghost, to confirm us in the love and practice of godliness. Raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore

let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us.

O blessed Saviour, who endured temptations for our sake, have compassion on us, and pity us in our low estate. Leave us not to walk alone this day through the dangers by which we are beset; but be thou with us, that we may lean upon thine almighty arm. Fill us with such love to thee, as will enable us to brave the scorn of the world, in following thy holy will; and teach us to count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of thyself, our Lord and Saviour. Our business in life is to live to thy glory. While others, who know thee not, are careful and troubled about many things, may the one thing needful occupy the first place in our hearts. Set a watch, O Lord, before our lips, that we offend not with our tongue. Put away from us not only evil speaking, lying, and slandering; but preserve us from the unholy mirth of the world, and from all levity of speech and manner. Make us not only true and just in all

our dealings, but may we be willing to suffer wrong rather than break the bonds of peace, or charity. Enable us to improve every opportunity of usefulness that may occur, either by relieving the needy, or by speaking a word in season. May self be set aside in these blessed duties, and Jesus be our daily example.

Give to us, O Lord, that spiritual mind which is life and peace; and may our great care this day be to maintain communion with thee. Grant us so to live the life of faith here on earth, that we may enjoy the prospect of being with thee hereafter in glory. May we not be anxious to possess those things, which are the objects of the world's ambition. Be thou our portion, and we shall be therewith content. In our respective stations of life, enable us to exhibit the power of godliness—regulating our desires, subduing our natural propensities, and manifesting that we are influenced by love to thee. And as all these things are contrary to the carnal mind, we pray that the Holy Spirit may work all these works in us and conform us to thy holy likeness.

Have pity, O Lord, upon all who are in want and misery. When we ourselves are in the enjoyment of plenty, give us a heart to feel for those who suffer from hunger and destitution; and never let us waste on luxury or vanity, what might relieve the miseries of numbers in our land. Teach us to do to others what we would wish to have done to ourselves.

And now, gracious Lord, we pray thee to be with us through the whole of this day. May we take nothing in hand but what is sanctioned by thy will and word; and may all we undertake for thy glory, prosper. Grant to us the light of thy countenance, and all will be well. Now to God only wise, be glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MONDAY EVENING.

EVER blessed Lord, who requirest those who worship thee, to do so in spirit and in truth, give to us the Holy Spirit, that we may now offer to thee a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ.

Thou art the fountain of light, who hast given us exceeding great and precious promises in the Son of thy love; and as with thee there is no shadow of turning, we throw ourselves upon those promises, and beseech thee to bestow upon us those perfect gifts which, through him, we are entitled to receive, and encouraged to ask.

Yet, O Lord, we confess our unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We would humble ourselves before thee. To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee. Behold, we are vile—our nature is corrupt, and we have provoked thee to anger by our multiplied transgressions. *Have* mercy upon us, O God, we beseech thee.

Pardon and deliver us from all our offences. Accept us in thy beloved Son. Wash us in his blood and we shall be clean; cleanse us, and we shall be whiter than snow. May we now be washed, and sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God; and may we hereafter be presented spotless before thy presence, with exceeding joy.

O Lord, how great is the sum of all thy mercies to us! They are indeed innumerable; and so are the acts of our own ingratitude. But give to us now, we pray thee, such a sense of the love of Jesus, by the the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may be drawn from the love of earthly things, to rest in thee alone. Enable us to mortify sin in our members, that all things belonging to the flesh may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit, may live and grow in us. Grant that we may be separated from the world, and dedicated to thee.

We pray thee to enable us so to regulate our worldly affairs, that we may serve thee

without distraction; and while we fulfil our duties in life, may it ever appear that we are more actuated by a desire for thy glory, than by the love of the world. May our minds be kept so continually in a heavenly frame, that our speech may be always with grace, seasoned with salt. Remove from amongst us that levity of conversation, which belongs to the children of the world; and teach us rather to love that which is profitable, for the use of edifying, and which may minister grace to the hearers.

May Christ be formed within us, the hope of glory; and may our affections be weaned from a world which lieth in the wicked one. Do thou, blessed Lord, cut the roots which strike so deeply into earth: and make us free for the service and enjoyment of thy kingdom. Give us spiritual minds. Teach us more and more to be conformed to the rule of thy word, and to the holy image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And now, Lord, that we are going to retire to rest, we beseech thee to be about our bed,

as thou hast been about our path this day. Let no harm come nigh our dwelling, nor let any evil thoughts disturb the peace of our minds. Keep us mindful, that ere long we shall sleep the sleep of death; and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be now and ever acceptable unto thee, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus, our strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, look with pity on those here assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, to worship at thy throne of grace.

Thou hast mercifully answered the prayers which we offered up on the last evening:—thou hast preserved us from the perils and dangers of the night, and we are here to thank thee for thy mercy. But, gracious Lord, we need a continual supply of that mercy, from day to day. We cannot walk this day, in the strength of yesterday. We are dependent on thee for every thing; make us content to be so, that thou mayest have all the glory. Hear us now, for the sake of Jesus, while we renew our petitions, and make our requests known unto thee.

Blessed Lord, thou hast promised to supply all our necessities both for our bodies, and

for our souls. We ask thee, then, as regards the things of this life, to give us what is required to preserve our bodies in health for thy service. We ask not for any thing to gratify the desires of our fallen nature. Give us food and raiment, as thou seest fit; and teach us to be therewith content. We beseech thee more especially to quicken and satisfy our souls. Oh, that we hungered less for the meat that perisheth, and more for that which endureth unto everlasting life! Give that hungering and thirsting after righteousness to those amongst us, who may not have it; and satisfy the desires of those within whom thou hast already created it. May we feed on the bread of life. Blessed Lord, give us a large supply, that we may love and praise thee.

O ever gracious Saviour, come thou and take possession of our hearts. Cause us to feel the power of thy love. We would be crucified with thee, to all the things of time and sense. We would enter into the valley of humiliation with thee. We would have our

will so subject unto thine, as to lose all will of our own, that thou alone mayest be glorified. We would mortify self, that thou alone mayest live within us. We would live to thy glory, and cut off every indulgence which interferes with our enjoyment of thy presence.

And thou, O Holy Ghost the Comforter, whose office it is to create these desires within us, fill us with thy mighty power, and strengthen us to accomplish what thou dost teach us to approve. Be in us a Spirit of holiness—a Spirit of humility—a Spirit of boldness in the cause of Christ.

O Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, accept our grateful but imperfect thanksgiving for all thine inestimable benefits. Teach us, we pray thee, to love that holy word which reveals thy truth to us. Give us the Spirit to see its hidden treasures, that we may read it, not by constraint, but with the joy of those whose souls are enriched by its store. And cause, O Lord, we pray thee, that it may be known and valued through the dark places of our land. Have mercy on those who

would interfere to check the progress of thy word. Give them to see the danger of fighting against God; and reveal to them the knowledge of that truth, which will turn their enmity into zeal for thy glory.

Now to thee, the Almighty God, who art able to keep us from falling, with the adorable Redeemer, and the ever blessed Spirit, three persons in one God, be ascribed everlasting praise, by us on earth, as by all in heaven. AMEN.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Father of all mercies, who hast shown thy love to a guilty world, by sending Jesus our Lord to be the Saviour of sinners; look with pity, we pray thee, upon us thy unworthy servants, who present ourselves before thee, to offer our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise.

Lord, we dare not have hoped for acceptance, hadst thou not assured us of thy willingness to receive us. Thou art a God of perfect holiness, and we are creatures of iniquity and rebellion. Yet hast thou commended thy love to us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us—the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to thee. But, merciful Lord, our own rebellious hearts would have refused thy gracious invitations, hadst thou not overcome their hatred to holiness. Breathe still more into our souls, the breath of a new and living principle, causing the death of our

carnal desires, and quickening us to all the power of godliness. We want not merely to know thy truth;—we would feel it and practise it. To will is present with us, but how to perform that which is good, we know not. Grant to us the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, we pray thee; and may he be in us the instructor in righteousness, and the revealer of Christ.

Lord, we are but babes in spiritual knowledge. We desire to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver us, then, from all spiritual indolence—from the pampering of the flesh, and from the love of ease, which tend to quench thy Holy Spirit. May we never forget that we are in an enemy's country, and that we should endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Enable us to practise self-denial—to keep our bodies under, and bring them into subjection. Give us strength to obey the dictates of our conscience, and to follow that way, at any cost or sacrifice, which thy word declares to be right. Remove the evil desires of our

hearts; and grant that no angry feelings nor uncharitableness may dwell in us, who call ourselves the followers of the meek and forgiving Saviour. Teach us the value of time, we pray thee, that we may never waste that precious talent, nor employ in useless pursuits or conversation, those moments for which we shall be called to give account.

O our God, we yield thee our hearty thanks, that thou hast deal so mercifully with us—that thou didst spare us when we deserved punishment—that thou didst not cut us off in the midst of our iniquities, whilst our sins were still unpardoned. Look upon us, we pray thee; and if any now kneeling in thy presence are yet careless about the things that belong to their peace, O pity them, convert, and sanctify them. Draw them to the cleansing fountain of a Saviour's blood, for the removal of all guilt, and sanctify them by the power of thy Holy Spirit.

Again, O Lord, do we look for thy protection during another night. Make us thankful that we are not exposed to the sufferings and

trials which many endure. Who are we, that we should be protected, while others perish through want? Oh, give us hearts to feel for the miseries of others, and to deny ourselves, that we may contribute to their relief. May we learn to weep with those that weep, and to rejoice with those that do rejoice. Hear and answer our prayers, O Lord our God, for for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O MOST mighty God, who receivest the adoration of the heavenly host, and yet art willing, for the sake of Jesus, to welcome even sinners such as we are, who come to thee in his name; hear us while we draw near to thee in him, and present this our morning sacrifice.

We thank thee for the protection of the past night. We thank thee that we were allowed to lie down in peace, and to awake in safety. Oh, what cause have we to praise thee, when we consider the miseries to which some of our fellow-creatures have been exposed, and from which we have been preserved! How many were in want and wretchedness during the past night, while we were in ease and comfort! How many have been suddenly called away, never more to hear thy warning voice; and yet we, who have often slighted the message of thy love, are spared to hear that the door of mercy is still open—Jesus still waits to be gracious—there is still pardon

through his precious blood. O Lord, we would praise thee for thy love and mercy; and, we pray thee, lead us all to Jesus. Oh, let none before thee be strangers to the constraining influence of his love who died to save us.

Pour upon us, we beseech thee, an abundant measure of the Holy Ghost. Open the windows of heaven, and rain down upon us a gracious shower from above. O our God, make us holy; wean us from sin; enable us to live above the world, and to follow Jesus in the narrow way that leads to eternal life. We grieve to think that we should have found pleasure in those sins which caused the sufferings of the Son of God. Teach us truly to hate all sin; and may the love of holiness be so planted in our hearts, that we may find more pleasure in its ways, than we ever had in the ways of carnal enjoyment.

May we all be filled with love to thee, and be conformed to the precepts of thy holy word. Lord, thou hast given us many talents, to employ in thy service. Make us faithful stewards. Enable us to trust thee for food

and raiment, which thou hast pledged thyself to provide; and may we not dishonour thee by cleaving to any earthly portion. Be thou our treasure, from day to day; then, where our treasure is, will our hearts be also; and our all shall be devoted to thy service.

Look upon us as a family, O Lord, and bestow thy blessing upon us. Enable those who rule to do so in the fear of the Lord, knowing that they also have a Master in heaven. Teach those who serve, to act not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but with good will as to the Lord. May each member of this family be endued with the power of the Spirit, and be brought under the influence of the gospel of Christ, that we may be a household fearing God, and working righteousness. [Bestow upon the children thy heavenly benediction, and make them partakers of thy promised grace.] May the peace of God rule in all our hearts, and may we enjoy and exhibit the blessedness of those who dwell together in unity; so that walking in in the fellowship of the gospel, we may all

be found in the household of faith, and heirs together of the hope of life.

Blessed Saviour, we know not how soon thou mayest appear, to take account of thy servants. Keep us each day, each hour, in unwearied watchfulness; and so let us live in thy presence, that we may rejoice at the prospect of thine appearing.

All our prayers and praises we present unto thee, O Lord, in the name of him, through whom alone thou wilt accept us, the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

FATHER of all mercies—the author of our being—the source of our every hope, joy, and comfort, whose goodness has preserved us through another day, behold us here before thee, this night, and enable us to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

We are conscious of manifold transgressions, and unnumbered sins. Thou art all love to us, and we are all ingratitude towards thee. Look not upon us, as we are, stained with sin; but look upon us in the face of thine anointed. We fly to that Saviour who is our only refuge: through him we are able to appear before thee with holy boldness. Hear us, for his sake, we humbly beseech thee, and give to us all the blessings which we are allowed to ask in his name.

We would make full confession of sins, O Lord. We have erred and strayed from thee, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own

hearts; and if thou hadst left us to our own ways, we must have perished for ever. But, gracious Father, we turn unto thee: thou art God, and not man, therefore we are not consumed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord; pardon all iniquity, and receive us gracioulsy, for the sake of thy beloved Son. O our God, we look not for acceptance, now or ever, except through the blood of the Lord Jesus. We have no merits or righteousness of our own to plead; we cling to the cross of Jesus as our only refuge from the wrath to come.

And now, Lord, our desire is to serve thee more devotedly for the rest of our days. We desire to redeem the time that remains, from every unhallowed pursuit;—yea, from every thing which may not be consistent with the health of our souls. We would spare nothing, however dear to us—however pleasing to flesh and blood, which thy word condemns, or which interferes with our growth in spiritual life; yea, Lord, whatever has even the appearance of evil, teach us most cheerfully

to sacrifice, rather than cause a weak brother to offend, or bring discredit upon the service of our God.

And now, Lord, while we praise and bless thee for what thou hast done, we would pray thee to be with us for all that yet lies before us. Make thy way plain before our face. Oh, that our way was made so direct, that we might keep thy statutes! Open thou our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law. With our whole heart would we seek thee; let us not wander from thy commandments.

Bless also, we beseech thee, O Lord, all our relatives and friends. If there be any among them who are yet strangers to thee, and blind to the things that belong to their peace, graciously bestow upon them thy life-giving Spirit. Turn them, O Lord, from the love of the world to the love of thyself. Whatever thou mayest take from them of the things of this life, O take not away thy loving-kindness, but save their immortal souls: may all who are dear to us by the ties of nature, be made still

more dear by the stronger bonds of grace. So shall we rejoice together before the Lord, in the one hope of our calling, through Christ Jesus.

To thy protection, O Lord, we this night commend ourselves and them. Keep us in safety, both of body and soul, and seal us with the Holy Ghost, unto the day of redemption, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O EVER blessed Lord, who art good and gracious to unthankful sinners;—who dost not measure thy blessings by our deservings, but according to the multitude of thy mercies dost give us all things that pertain to life and godliness—hear us, while in the name of Jesus we present ourselves before thee, this morning, to draw out of his fulness all needful strength for the wants of this day.

Lord, we are poor, and miserable, and weak, and helpless creatures. We have no sufficiency of our own, not even to think a good thought. Our sufficiency is all of Christ. We praise thee, blessed Saviour, that what we have not, thou hast for us;—that while we are nothing we are complete in thee.

O our God, give us thy Holy Spirit, that he may open to us the treasures of thy word—unfold to us the glories of the Saviour—and reveal to us what the natural mind cannot understand. May our souls be athirst for thee,

the living God. Satisfy us with thyself, and make us feel, from happy experience, that thou art a sufficient portion.

Blessed Lord, thou hast said that thy ways are pleasantness, and all thy paths are peace: may we always know this from our own enjoyment. We wish to be dead to the world, and to walk consistently in thy holy ways. Direct our steps, we pray thee. May thy Spirit's teaching dispel the darkness of our minds, and reveal to us the glory of Jesus. O thou who hast said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest," receive us who now throw ourselves upon that promise, and come unto thee for rest from sin, and rest in thee. Do thou render us and our services acceptable unto the Father. We know that all power in heaven and earth is given unto thee; bestow therefore upon us the power of the Spirit, which thou hast received for thy Church.

O Lord Jesus, we beseech thee to look with compassion upon the members of thy mystical body here on earth. We mourn over

the divisions and distractions, which separate those who should be united in the bonds of the Gospel. Have pity upon thy Church; and send forth thy Spirit, to lead thy servants into all truth. May thy people be of one mind and one spirit, striving together for the faith of the Gospel. We acknowledge that too many seek their own things, and not the things which are Jesus Christ's. Revive the spirit of christian love amongst us. Clothe thy members with the garments of holiness; and cause them to hold forth the word of life, and so to shine as lights in the world. May we seek to promote each others welfare, and be more closely united to thee our living Head.

Visit the dark places of the earth with thy salvation. Direct the hearts of thy faithful servants to preach thy truth, in the love of it, to those who are sitting in the shadow of death. Gather in the number of thine elect, and hasten thy kingdom; when thy will shall be done on earth, as now it is in heaven.

Accept our praises, O Lord, for unnumbered mercies. Praise to thee for food and

raiment, for health and strength. Above all, praise to thee for the unspeakable gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

And now, to thee, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be all praise ascribed by us on earth, as by all in heaven, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O THOU whose name is Jehovah, who art the most high over all the earth, and who requirest that all who worship thee, should do so in spirit and in truth, give us grace, we pray thee, to present a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to thee through Jesus Christ. Drive earthly thoughts and cares from our minds, while we now come to worship thee. Help us to realize thy divine presence; and cause the light of thy countenance to shine upon us, that this may not be a service of constraint, but the happy service of our hearts.

O blessed Lord, we mourn to think how much we lose by keeping at a distance from thee. Thou art all love and compassion, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast treasured up in him all that our souls can want for salvation, and for spiritual enjoyment. Thou hast made him head over all things to the Church; and hast committed all power in heaven and earth to him. Lord, we acknow-

ledge that we have not, because we ask not; —that we are straitened in ourselves and not in thee. We praise thee, we bless thee, we give thanks to thee, at the remembrance of thy loving-kindness; and we acknowledge that we are altogether guilty;—that we are left without excuse;—that thou wouldst be justified in our condemnation this night. But we trust to thy gracious promises in Christ for pardon of the past, and for grace to help in time to come. Enter not into judgment with thy servants; but send the Holy Ghost into our hearts, to subdue our carnal desires and affections, and so to manifest to us the love of Christ, that we may cleave unto him alone.

O our God, we have often robbed ourselves of spiritual joy. We have lived at too great a distance from thee—our joy has been too much drawn from the things of time. We desire to take thee as our portion—to seek our happiness in thee alone—to be crucified to the world, and that the world should be crucified to us. Send us, therefore, the Holy Ghost in abundant measure, that the

love of sin may be mortified within us, and that such a hungering for spiritual things may be created within us, that we shall be satisfied with nothing but the fulness of our God.

Thy love to us, O Lord, is very great. Thou hast manifested it in the gift of thy Son for the sin of the world. O give to us now thy Spirit that we may receive him, enjoy him, and delight in him. Lord, we ask nothing relating to this life, beyond the needful wants of food and raiment. But we ask for all those spiritual gifts, which thou hast promised. Increase our faith an hundred fold; and then, according to our faith, give thou unto us. Keep us mindful that this world is not our rest. Remove every lingering affection that would bind us to the enjoyments of earth; and so display to us the glory of the coming kingdom of our Lord, that our desires may be raised above the things of time.

And now, O Lord, be with us this night, we pray thee. Allow us to enjoy thy presence, in private prayer, before we retire to rest;

that we may lie down under a sense of thy watchfulness and love; and if it be thy will that we should see another day, may that day be spent in thy service. We ask all for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

FRIDAY MORNING.

MOST gracious God, whom angels worship with unwearied service, how greatly should we adore thee for all thy manifold mercies, especially for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Thanks be unto thee, O Lord, for this thine unspeakable gift. May all that is within us bless and praise thy holy name.

O merciful Father, who hast manifested thy love to a guilty world, and who hast proved thy willingness to receive those who have rebelled against thee, be gracious unto us who now return to thee in faith and penitence. We come unto thee in our Saviour's great and prevailing name. We make mention of his righteousness, and that only. We make full confession of our guilt. We stand condemned—yea, self-condemned, by reason of sin. We have nothing to plead, but thy love and mercy through Jesus. Hear us, we beseech thee, while in this, thine own appointed way, we now draw near to thee.

Thou hast preserved us through another night, and thou hast brought us to see another day—a day to be employed in thy service. But, O Lord, we cannot live for thee, unless thou dost live in us. Our flesh cleaveth unto the earth. We are by nature carnal; and the things of the world too often seduce our hearts, while the things of thine eternal glory are too often forgotten.

Under the consciousness of our weakness, we cry unto thee for the mighty power of the Spirit; enable us to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts; and raise us to the enjoyment of spiritual things. Give us an abiding view of thy glory, O Lord. May thy Holy Spirit reveal it to our hearts—may he manifest to us the exceeding great love of Jesus, that we may be constrained to make a more entire surrender of ourselves to thee. Lord, thou art worthy of more than we can give; but give us hearts to rejoice in consecrating ourselves—body, soul, and spirit, to thy service. Oh, that we could love thee more and serve thee better! So would our joy be

increased; and so wouldst thou honour us, as instruments of usefulness to others.

We come to thee now, O Lord, to seek strength for the wants of the day. We can do much for thee, if thou dost give us willing minds. We would redeem the time from worldly pursuits, to be employed for thee. Grant O Lord, we implore thee, that we may this day manifest the power of godliness, and bear witness for thee, by the testimony of our lips and of our lives.

Enable us so to see the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, that we may count all things but loss for his sake, and be willing to forsake all, to take up our cross and follow him. May we glory in the cross, and count it all joy, if, for the sake of Jesus, we fall into divers tribulations. Lord, we would live as strangers and pilgrims on the earth; we pray thee to enable us to deny ourselves all carnal indulgence which wars against the mind of the Spirit. Let us not desire to imitate the practice of a world that is at enmity with thee; but may we rather study to be con-

formed to the image of the Saviour's holiness.

We prostrate our souls before the throne, and worship thee, O Lord, saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. AMEN.

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, whose we are, and whom we ought to serve; whom to know is life eternal, and whom to serve is perfect freedom; we adore thy majesty and grace as they are revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

We are sinful and rebellious creatures, and thou art a consuming fire. But eternal praise be to thy wisdom, which provided a way whereby thou couldst be a just God, and yet a Saviour. We praise and bless thee for the Gospel, which reveals thy love to us in Jesus; that thou hast laid help upon One that is mighty; that thou hast delivered us from going down to the pit, because thou hast found a ransom. Accept us, this night, in thy beloved Son, the Lord our righteousness. We would take hold of his salvation, and stand before thee in our substitute; we rejoice, that in him we can be justified from all things; that in Him thou art a God of love.

May the Holy Ghost shed abroad in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and keep us in the same for ever and ever.

O Lord, it is pain and grief to us that we do not serve thee better. Our hearts are too often charged with the anxious cares of earthly things. Our flesh cleaveth to the dust; and our affections stray away from thee whom we ought to love. O our God, have compassion upon us, while we are struggling against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Leave us not in our own strength to contend with our spiritual enemies, but let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. O ever precious Saviour, our great High Priest, our advocate with the Father, plead thou our cause, and supply all needful grace for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls. All that we can desire is treasured up in thee. Give us whatever we need for thy service and for the enjoyment of heavenly things; so shall we be neither barren, nor unfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And bless thy mourning church, O Lord, which suffers from deadness and division. Grant a fuller measure of the Comforter's presence. O heal the wounds which sin and selfishness have inflicted upon thy members. Cause thy way to be known upon earth. Make it plain how thy servants should serve thee. Leave us not in doubt with regard to those things which make for our peace. May we in sincerity of heart look to thee for direction. O Lord, rouse thy slumbering servants amongst us, and make them ready for the bridegroom's coming. Give us oil in our lamps; and so wean our hearts from all worldly things, that we may be ready, at any moment, to go forth when the cry shall be heard, "Behold the bridegroom cometh." Give to us all that preparedness of heart, that we may be enabled to rejoice at the sign of the Son of Man, and hasten to meet him.

Look in mercy upon those who are still living to the world, and who are not looking for the advent of Jesus. Prepare their hearts to obey the gospel of thy grace. Give them faith

in Jesus, as a Saviour, and the spirit of adoption, to call thee, Abba Father. Spare them, we beseech thee, yet a little longer, and supply that Spirit, which will cause them to bring forth fruit to thy glory.

Hear and answer, O Lord, these our humble petitions for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD God, our Creator and Preserver, who hast brought us into being, and sustained us to this moment, we praise thee for the many blessings of this life, the least of which we have not deserved. But above all, would we adore thee for the manifestation of thy love to a guilty world, in the gift of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

We come before thee, O God, to receive those spiritual gifts, which thy love has provided, and which are treasured up in Jesus. We would hunger and thirst after righteousness: feed us, this morning, with the bread of life; satisfy our thirst by thy life-giving spirit; and in the strength of this heavenly portion, will we go forth on our journey this day.

Blessed Lord, thou knowest that this world can afford no abiding comfort. We travel through a wilderness, and yet we are too *often* contented here, as though this were

our place of rest. Lord, suffer us not so to be. Oh, may no earthly things tempt our hearts from thee; may we be weaned from this world; may our affections be set on the things above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand.

O our God, give us the Almighty Spirit to sustain us in this painful warfare, and to keep eternal things in constant view before our minds. We would adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. We would realize the power of the Holy Ghost in subduing sin, conquering our unruly and unholy tempers, and producing within us the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Grant us that chastened temper, which ever yields to the influence of love, and displays itself in the spirit of love, in all we do or say. We ask not for worldly things, O Lord. Feed us with food convenient for us; be thou our portion, and we shall be satisfied.

We pray thee, Lord, to give us a greater knowledge of ourselves. Our hearts are deceitful, as well as desperately wicked. Leave us

not in doubt or ignorance as to our real state in thy sight. May we never think too highly of ourselves, nor yet be deceived with a name to live, without enjoying the power of true godliness. Oh, work in each of us that needful change of heart, which will make us meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. May we all be born again of the Spirit; and may we be made partakers of the divine nature.

Enable us, O Lord, to make full proof of thy promised presence. Teach us to walk after the example of Jesus; to live as strangers and pilgrims upon earth; to deny ourselves in earthly things, that we may have to give to those who are in need. Give us tender consciences—awake to every danger that might disturb the peace of our souls. Manifest thy glory to us, that being dead to this world, we may live upon the enjoyment of the hidden life of Jesus, and the assured hope of eternal life through his name. May our hearts never rest in earthly things, but be with our treasure in heaven; and may our conversation be such as becometh the gospel of *Christ.*

Preserve us this day, we beseech thee, from the evils of the world through which we pass. May we walk as separate from its vanities and pursuits, and choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Keep us mindful that this day is the preparation of the Sabbath, so that no worldly care or business may be allowed to interfere with the day of sacred rest. Hear us, answer us, and bless us, for the sake of him, through whom thou canst receive us with acceptance, the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SATURDAY EVENING.

AT the close of another day, and of another week, we come before thee, O Lord, to present our prayers and praises, in the name of Jesus.

Much have we to praise thee for, and much to ask from thee. We praise thee for protection and preservation; for the blessings of thy watchful providence; and for freedom from the sickness, suffering, and want, to which others have been called. We praise thee that thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, but that thy judgments have been tempered with love. Oh, how great is thy love to us! What could have been done for us that thou hast not done, O Lord? And yet have we been rebellious and ungrateful. Break our hard and stony hearts, we pray thee. Oh, for hearts to love thee, and praise thee, and serve thee as we ought! Our sin is our misery. For the sake of the Lord Jesus, make us holy and spiritual. Send us the Holy Ghost, we pray thee, in such measure as will subdue our

carnal affections, and bring us into obedience to thee. Whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to thy glory. Relieve our minds from all carefulness about the things of this world, and may the desire of our souls be to glorify thee, and to be witnesses for Christ in a world of sin.

Teach us to praise thee, O our God. Put a new song into our mouths, even a song of thanksgiving unto thee. So satisfy us with the knowledge and enjoyment of Christ, that all that is within us shall bless thy holy name, and rejoice in the hope of thy glory. Give us grace to know and to do thy holy will in all things. Teach us thy way, O Lord. Make the path of duty plain before our face. Leave us not in doubt, we beseech thee, nor allow us to lean to our own desires. Our flesh lusteth against the spirit. Give us, we implore thee, the mind and courage of faithful soldiers. Enable us to fight against our spiritual enemies; endue us with strength for the battle and make us more than conquerors through him that loved us.

We pray of thee, gracious Lord, to prepare our hearts for thy service on the approaching Sabbath, if it be thy will that we should be spared to see it. Enable us this night to lay aside all worldly care and occupation, that the things of earth may not be mixed with the service of heaven. Teach thy servants whom thou has called to the ministry of thy word, that they may teach others the saving truths of the gospel of Christ. And, grant that our lives may be a preparation for that eternal sabbath that remains for the people of God. For thee may we live, and with thee may we die. And do thou so reveal to us the Saviour's approaching glory, that we may even hasten unto the coming of the day of God.

O Lord, pity our weakness, and raise us from our low estate. Let that love which gave Jesus for us, give us all those spiritual blessings which are treasured up in him. Not for our worthiness' sake do we ask these things, but for the sake of Jesus, who alone is worthy. To him with thyself, and the Holy Spirit, be everlasting praise. AMEN.

THIRD WEEK.

SABBATH MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast appointed one day, out of seven, to be set apart for thy peculiar service; we, thine unworthy servants, whom thy providence has spared to see the light of another Sabbath, beseech thee to bestow upon us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may spend this day in thy faith, fear, and love.

We are here before thee, O Lord, imploring thee to write thy law in our hearts, that it may be our joy this day, to draw near to thee, and worship thee in thy house of prayer. Call away our hearts, O Lord, from earthly thoughts. Show us more and more of the exceeding great love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us an ardent desire of living to his glory here; and grant us, this day, such a foretaste of the joys to come, that we may have a longing desire for the Sabbath of eternal delight.

O our Father, we walk through a world of sin and sorrow;—we travel through a wilderness, where no satisfying pleasure is to be found; but give us, we beseech thee, the light of thy Spirit in the inner man—and then shall we enjoy the hidden life of Christ. Take possession of our hearts this morning. So fill us with thyself, that we may be emptied of all but thee, and may engage in nothing but what may lead to the enjoyment of thee.

Be with us in public, social, and private prayer. When we join the congregation of thy people, do thou meet and bless us. When we pray to thee in our family, be thou with us as our Father and our God; and when we draw near to thee in private, refresh us with thy presence. Bless the preaching of thy word to the benefit of our souls, as our several wants may require; and when we meditate upon that word in secret, may the Spirit reveal to us the deep things of thy kingdom, which thou hast treasured up for our use. Oh! that we may, this day, experience the power of Christ's *resurrection*; that as he was raised up from the

dead, by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life, and sit with him in heavenly places.

Pour out the Spirit, we implore thee, O Lord, upon all who shall this day minister in holy things; and to all thy faithful servants give an abundant blessing. May they not vainly endeavour to win souls by the enticing words of man's wisdom; but may they speak in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Feed them, that they may feed others; and speak through them to the hearts of those who hear. May many sinners, this day, be converted to thee; may the careless be awakened—the hardened be made contrite—the backsliding reclaimed—and thy people comforted.

Bless the Church at large. Manifest thyself in the midst of her; and may the power of the Holy Ghost, in all his fulness be enjoyed. O blessed Lord, make thy people holy; and glorify thyself in their growing devotedness. Subdue sin in us; and give us an increasing desire for that holiness which is thine image.

Oh, make us like to thyself, and we shall have joy in following the steps of the most holy life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O our God, hear us, and bless us. Grant us the light of thy countenance, and sorrow and sadness shall flee away. Be with us the whole of this day; and may our prayers and praises be now, and ever, acceptable unto thee, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SABBATH EVENING.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, O merciful Lord, that we should join in praising thee, each night, for the blessings of the day.

But, especially, on the evening of this thy holy day should we give thee thanks, for the blessings of the gospel of thy dear Son. We praise thee, we bless thee, we give thanks unto thee, most merciful Father, for the declaration of thy love in Jesus. O give us also the gift of the Spirit, to lead us into the full knowledge and enjoyment of all that thy word contains. We pray that the Spirit may water the seed which has been sown in our hearts this day. We wish to profit by thy truth. We would rejoice in it. May thy word, brought home to our hearts by the Spirit, produce in us the fruits of holiness. Do thou, the very God of peace, sanctify us wholly. Crucify sin in our members. Remove the love of it from our hearts; and lead us to the enjoyment of holiness. We pray for a greater conformity to

thee, and to thy will, O Lord. We would long to be holy, as thou art holy. May our hearts never settle upon any earthly object; but may we press after the fullest consecration of ourselves to thy service.

Awaken within us, O Lord, a sense of the value of thy word, which we have this day heard or read. May we never become so familiar with the sound of thy gospel, that it should strike upon our ear without affecting our heart. O adorable Redeemer, manifest thy love to us by the Holy Ghost; and rule our unholy wills, that they may be made wholly obedient unto thee.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness, O Lord, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; and especially those who have thereby been prevented, this day, from attending thy house of prayer. May it please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Have mercy upon those, we pray thee, who have this day been warned to flee from the wrath to come, and have been directed to Jesus as a refuge—who yet feel not their danger, and value not the remedy. Save them, we beseech thee, from merited judgment;—spare them to turn to Him who still waits to be gracious; pluck them as brands from the burning. Convince those, also, of their sin, who were wilfully absent from thy house of prayer—who have robbed thee of that day which thou hast claimed for thyself—who have spent its sacred hours in worldly pleasure or occupation. O Lord, grant them repentance unto life; may thy Spirit change their hearts, that the curse of desecrated Sabbaths may not bring upon them swift destruction.

O blessed Lord Jesus, cause our hearts to rejoice in the prospect of the glorious Sabbath, when thou shalt appear to be glorified in thy saints, and to be admired in all them that believe—when the Sabbath shall never end, and all flesh shall come and worship before thee. So teach us to love thee, to serve thee, and

to rejoice in thee, that we may all desire the time of thine appearing, looking for, and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto thy people that they may love the thing that thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MONDAY MORNING.

O LORD our heavenly Father, our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus, hear and answer the prayer which thine unworthy servants now offer unto thee.

We make full confession of our guilt unto thee We acknowledge our unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We have done what we ought not to have done; and left undone what we ought to have done; and there is no health in us. If thou hadst dealt with us as we deserved, we should long since have been lifting up our eyes in torments. But adored be thy long-suffering which has spared us, while so many thousands of our fellow creatures have been cut off, we fear, unprepared. Who are we, that thou shouldest deal so mercifully with us? O Lord, it is of thy sovereign mercy alone that we are still alive. May the lives which thy goodness has spared be wholly devoted to thee. Shed abroad thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost;

and so take possession of us and of our affections, that being weaned from every earthly enjoyment, we may delight ourselves in thy happy service.

But, O Lord, we groan, being burdened with a body of sin and death. Our flesh cleaveth unto the dust. The enemy of our souls is ever at hand to tempt our hearts from thee. We pray for the power of the Spirit to subdue sin—to crucify us to the world, and the world to us—and to make us holy vessels meet for our Master's use. O our Father, hear us. Pity thy poor weak children, living in a world of sin and sorrow. Give to us thy heavenly grace that we may serve thee with a pure and holy worship, and live to thy glory.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless to us the word of thy truth which was preached on the past Sabbath. Enable us to exhibit the fruits of that seed, in our lives this day. Take away the love of worldly things. Root out from our hearts all pride, passion, malice, and revenge. Plant within us the meek and patient spirit of Jesus. Let us not be quick-

sighted to discover the faults of others, while blind to our own: but teach us to be unsparing of ourselves, and to cultivate that love which covereth the multitude of our neighbour's sins. Give us a spirit of watchfulness, that we may be preserved from wandering thoughts and straying affections. Revive amongst us that love of the brethren which was found in the Church of old. Remove the hateful selfishness which dwells within us; and teach us, in true humility, to esteem others better than ourselves.

O our God, we cry unto thee in very weakness. Pity us in our low estate. Strengthen us with might, by thy Spirit, in the inner man. Arm us for this day's conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Maintain our cause as thy cause; and get glory to thyself, by subduing our enemies as thine enemies. Be thou with us—about us—in us, this day; and may we be preserved in unwearied zeal for thy glory, and in the continued enjoyment of the light of thy countenance.

Grant, O Lord, these our petitions, we beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

MONDAY EVENING.

FATHER of all mercies—our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus, teach us to pray unto thee this evening in spirit and in truth, and answer the prayers which thou dost teach us to offer up. We come to thee in the name of Jesus. For his worthiness' sake hear us, and bless us.

Thy goodness has brought us to the close of another day in safety. We praise thee for thy watchful providence over us; and for all the blessings of this life, which we have received at thy hands. But above all, would we adore and magnify thy holy name, for the provision thou hast made for our spiritual wants in the Son of thy love. Praised be thy name, that he who knew no sin became a sin-offering for us. Praised be thy name that thou hast accepted the sacrifice of Jesus in our behalf—that thou art reconciled to us through the blood of his cross, and that through him we have access unto thee. Praised be thy name,

that in him all fulness dwells, and that we are invited to receive out of that fulness even grace for grace.

We come to draw largely from that spiritual store, this night. We entreat thee, as our heavenly Father, to pity the weakness and infirmity of thy poor children upon earth; and to give us such a bountiful supply of thy Holy Spirit, as will raise us to the blessedness of spiritual enjoyment. O Lord, we would no longer covet the things of this world. Our souls would now be athirst for thee, the living God. Earth, with all its fulness, cannot satisfy the soul that has tasted the pleasure of communion with thee. Come then, we pray thee, and take full possession of us. Let not the world, the flesh, or the devil, have place in our hearts. Establish thy throne within us. Subdue every thought to thy willing obedience. Give us strength to resist and overcome all the sinful desires and lusts of our flesh. May Christ be formed within us, the hope of glory. May the life which we now live be by the faith of the Son of God. May the Spirit mould

us into the very image of Jesus. May our lives be so devoted to thee, that men may see our good works, and glorify thee, our Father in heaven.

Lord, thou knowest all hearts. Thou seest whether we have all been taught to love the Lord Jesus, and to flee to him for refuge from the wrath to come. If any here present are yet strangers to themselves, and to thee, O send forth the Spirit into their hearts. Awaken them from the slumber of sin, and enable them to walk with thee in newness of life.

And now, blessed Lord, we commend ourselves to thy care and keeping, this night. Thou, the Shepherd of Israel, neither slumberest nor sleepest. Watch over us, and guard us from all harm both of body and soul. Keep us in that continued enjoyment of thy presence, and sense of thy love, that we may fear the grave as little as our bed—that we may even rejoice in the prospect of the end of life, and of the coming day of the Redeemer's glory. Wean us, more and more, from the present evil world; and reveal to us, more and

more, the glory of the world to come. So shall we live as strangers and pilgrims, and enjoy thy peace which passeth all understanding. So shall we walk with thee through life, and gladly hail the advent of Jesus—or wake to rise and reign with Him on the morning of the resurrection.

Grant these our petitions, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. AMEN.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, who art more ready to hear than we are to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, receive the humble petitions which we present this morning, at thy throne of grace, in the name of Jesus Christ. We are not worthy, O Lord, that thou shouldest attend to us; and if unworthy in our own sight, how much more in thine! But adored be thy goodness, which measures not thy gifts by our deservings, but by the worthiness of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom thou art well pleased. For his sake hear and answer the prayers which we now offer up unto thee.

Lord, thou knowest that our wants are many. We leave it to thy wisdom to give what thou seest needful of the things of this life; but we would draw largely upon thy bounty for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls. We travel through a wilderness where no spiritual food is found. We want that food to support

the spiritual life which thou hast in mercy given us. O thou who hast treasured up for us in Jesus all that we can want, give us, we pray thee, our daily bread—yea, bestow upon us that needful supply of thy Spirit, without which we cannot live before thee.

O blessed Lord Jesus, our risen and exalted head, maintain we pray thee our spiritual life, this day, in perfect vigour. Thou hast received the Spirit for thy Church; and thou dost give to every one severally as thou wilt. We cry unto thee for a large supply. We feel how utterly unable we are to resist the temptations of the world, of the flesh, and of the devil, in our own strength. Oh, fill us with the Spirit, that we may be holy vessels for our Master's use. Endue us with strength from on high; and empower us to perform what in thy word thou dost command.

Give to us such love for the one thing needful, and such confidence in thy word of promise, that we may take no anxious thought for the things of this life, being assured that thou wilt provide. We acknowledge, with

shame, that the care of the perishable body has engaged more of our thoughts and hearts, than the care of our immortal souls. Henceforth may our chief desires be about the things that belong to our everlasting peace. Oh, give us faith to live with eternity in view—to walk, this day, as though it were our last; to do everything as in thy presence, and to thy glory. Solemnize our hearts with the sense of the uncertainty of life—the worthlessness of worldly things—and the value of our never-dying souls.

And now, Lord, we would pray thee to look in mercy upon our native land. May that righteousness which exalteth a nation be ours; and may that sin which is a reproach to any people, be put far from us. Bless our Queen, we beseech thee, O Lord; give to her, and to all those in authority under her, that wisdom that cometh from thee, so that all their consultations may tend to the advancement of thy glory and the good of this nation. May thy Spirit rule in all their hearts; and may thy word be the rule of all their actions. Grant

a special blessing to the church which thou hast established in these realms—that its usefulness may be increased, its ministers be more faithful, and its members more spiritual.

Grant we beseech thee, O Lord, the petitions we have now asked for ourselves and others, for Jesus Christ's sake; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed everlasting praise and glory. AMEN.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O GOD, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet hast respect unto those who pray to thee on earth in the name of thy dear Son Jesus, let thine ear be attentive to the prayer which, in his name, we now offer unto thee.

We come under a deep sense of our utter unworthiness of the least of thy mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs that fall from thy table; and yet thou dost allow us to seek for the portion that belongs to thy children. Thou art very merciful, O Lord; —thy love in Christ is unsearchable. May we know more of that love; and though it be a love that passeth all understanding, teach us to enjoy it more and more perfectly. Give us the Spirit, we implore thee, for Christ's sake; and may he lead us to the understanding and enjoyment of all that thou hast revealed. We desire not to pry into thy hidden counsels, O Lord; nor to search into the secret workings of thy mysterious providence. But

we would claim what thou hast revealed as our portion and our heritage. O lead us into all thy truth. We would lay aside our own wisdom, and pray of thee to teach us all that thou wouldest have us to know.

Nor less do we pray to thee, O Lord, for the Spirit of holiness. Thou seest how much of worldliness still cleaves to us—how our unholy desires seek to be gratified. We pray for strength against these our enemies. We pray for the Spirit to resist and crucify the flesh. May we be saved not only from the punishment of sin but also from its power. May we realize more of the joy of heaven, while we walk on earth. O our Father, we humble ourselves before thee on account of sin;—we grieve that our hearts should wander from thee for a single moment. Take possession of them—subdue us to the obedience of faith. Purify us from the defilement that belongs to the flesh; and sanctify us by the in-dwelling of the Holy Ghost.

We are conscious that much imperfection has marked our service this day; and that we

might have done more for thy glory, had we been stronger in the faith, and more impressed with a sense of thy love. O shed abroad that love in our hearts, we beseech thee, that we may ever walk under its abiding influence, and constraining power. Teach us not only to feel, but to act, like those who are no longer their own, but are bought with a price—even with the price of Emmanuel's blood.

O gracious Lord, we would not only pray to thee for what we need, we would also praise thee for what we have received. We praise thee for having spared us from merited condemnation. Praise be to thee, for the unspeakable gift of thy Son Jesus, through whom alone all blessings flow to us. Oh, may we praise thee now on earth more perfectly; and hereafter sing of redeeming love, for ever, in the courts of thy heavenly glory.

And do thou, O Lord, the God of grace, who hast called us into thine eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered a while, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us. Do thou, the very God of peace, sanctify us

wholly; and may our whole spirits and souls and bodies be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ; to whom with thyself, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, for ever. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to worship thee with acceptance, in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We confess, O Lord, that our best services are imperfect. We acknowledge that our very worship of thee too often springs from selfishness. We too often seek the gift without loving the giver. But, O blessed Lord, we would praise thee for what thou art in thyself. We give thanks at the remembrance of thy holiness. We adore thee as a God of purity —a God of faithfulness—and a God of love.

But O heavenly Father, when we view thee as reconciled to us in thy beloved Son;—when we reflect that thou hast given thy Son for our sins—that thou hast laid upon him the iniquities of us all—we would magnify

the infinite riches of thy love. We would call upon our hearts to praise thee, and all that is within us to bless thy holy name. Praise to thee for the wish we have to love thee still more perfectly. Accept what thou hast given us; and teach us to show forth thy glory, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

We entreat thee also, to bestow on us the inestimable gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of thy Son, our Lord. We would be holy, as thou art holy—and pure, as thou art pure. We would crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. We would live above the world, and entirely to thy glory. May sin, in all its forms, be subdued by the Spirit. May we live in the enjoyment of holiness.

And, teach us, O Lord, to feel a readiness to relieve the wants of others, and may we know something of the mind of him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Remove from our hearts the love of self. Enable us to deny ourselves, even in lawful things, when they prove to us occasions of temptation, and

when our desires are not in subjection to thy will. Remove from our hearts all pride and self-esteem; and make us humble after the example of Jesus. Teach us to be mild and gentle in the exercise of authority, or meek and patient under unjust oppression. May we learn, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content; and may our hearts at all times so dwell with thee, that we shall be willing to suffer anything rather than lose for a moment a sense of thy favour.

Oh, that thou wouldest give these blessings which we ask for ourselves to all who need them. May we and they be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; may we show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. As we have freely received, may we freely give, and labour to make others acquainted with that Saviour whom we have found precious to ourselves.

Look in mercy, O Lord, upon the heathen, who are sitting in that darkness which once *enveloped* our own land. O thou, who art a

light to the Gentiles, as well as the glory of thy people Israel, send forth thy Holy Spirit to accompany the preaching of thy word in the dark places of the earth. And whilst thy gospel is a witness to all nations, may it be the power of God to the salvation of many who hear it. Gather out thy people, O Lord, from amongst them; and fulfil all thy purposes of love in the redemption of sinners.

Hear us, we beseech thee; and to thee be ascribed all the praise and all the glory of our salvation—to thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, very great and very holy art thou. We are poor, and corrupt, and sinful creatures. But thou art very merciful in Christ Jesus. Therefore, sinners though we be, we can draw near to thee with acceptance through our prevailing Advocate. Accept us and our offering, this night, for his sake.

Thou hast graciously preserved us through another day. Thou hast added to our debt of gratitude by the bestowal of many and most unmerited mercies. Oh! draw to thyself our cold and ungrateful hearts, which are so slow to be moved by the tokens of thy love. Give us the Spirit we pray thee, O Lord, to create or increase within us that spiritual perception which we so much need. Truly thou art with us continually, and spiest out all our ways; and yet we are too little conscious of thy presence. Bind us to thyself by such an union, that we may live, and act, and speak, under an abiding sense of thy holy presence. May

it be our very joy and happiness to be employed for thee. May the business of our lives be to glorify thee. May we have more pleasure in thy service than we ever enjoyed in the way of sinful indulgence.

O our Father, we give thee thanks for thy many and great mercies—for the privilege of prayer—for the blessing of thy word—for the ordinances of thy house—for the means of grace—and above all, for the hope of glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise thee for whatever portion of the Spirit thou hast already bestowed upon us. But, O our God, we would not be satisfied till we are filled with the fulness of thy blessing. We have been content to live as babes in Christ, when we should have grown to the stature of men. Grant, O Lord, that we may be more devoted to thee. We would take thy word as our only guide, and Jesus as our only example. We would take up our cross and follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. O give us grace to separate from the world—from its maxims, its pleasures, its pursuits, and its friends. We would live for

eternity, and not for time. Lord, make us wholly thine.

But thou alone canst bring these desires of our hearts to good effect. We therefore cry to thee to give to us the promised Spirit—the gift for men which Jesus received when he ascended up on high, and led captivity captive. We cry from the depth of weakness, to thee who art most high and of infinite compassion. Oh, hear and answer the petitions of thy poor weak children, and grant us to experience the fulness of our Father's power.

While we ask these blessings for ourselves, O Lord, we would beseech thee to look with tender compassion on others, whom it is our duty and our privilege to remember before thee. Bless our relatives and friends. Make them and keep them thine; and may we all be united in the bonds of grace, which shall last when the ties of nature cease. O teach us all to celebrate redeeming love, while here in the house of our pilgrimage; that so we may together praise thee in thy heavenly kingdom.

O Lord, we commend ourselves to thy care and protection this night. Preserve us in perfect peace and safety. May we as the beloved of the Lord enjoy a sense of thy presence and favour, and look forward to that city of light and glory where there shall be no night, but where the Lamb shall be the light thereof.

And now we would ascribe to thee, to the Son, and to the Eternal Spirit, all might, majesty, and dominion, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. Day after day are we called upon to praise thee, and night after night to bless thy holy name.

Thou hast renewed our lives and thy goodness this morning. Thou dost invite us to come to thee for our daily bread, and to receive that provision from thy spiritual store, which shall carry us through the day in safety and peace. We are here assembled before thee, O Lord, in the name of Jesus, our Mediator and our Friend. Bless us abundantly for his sake.

Lord, thou dost call upon us to glorify thee this day. Thou wouldest have us to bear testimony against the world, that the deeds and ways thereof are evil. Thou wouldest have us maintain fellowship with thee and with thy Son Jesus Christ. Thou willest our sanctification. Oh, teach us this morning to feast

upon the manna of thy word, and may thy banner over us be love. Reveal thyself to us by thy Spirit. Let thy goodness pass before us; and so occupy our hearts with heavenly things, that we may be willing to forego every earthly gratification, for the sake of maintaining communion with thee.

Enable us to exhibit the power of godliness in our lives, by controling our passions—subduing our tempers—and regulating our actions and words according to thy will. Do thou, the very God of peace, sanctify us wholly; and may our whole body, soul, and spirit, be brought under the government of thy Holy Spirit. Give us the Spirit in such abundant measure, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Be with us in all that we shall undertake for thy glory, this day; and may we enter on no path upon which we cannot sincerely ask thy blessing, or which will rob us for a moment of the light of thy countenance. Be thou our sun to enlighten—our

shield to defend—our shepherd to watch over us; and refresh us this day in the pasture of thy word, and from the living stream of thy Spirit. Praise to thee for all that we have been allowed to enjoy; and may we this day possess a continual sense of thy presence and favour.

O heavenly Father, have mercy, we humbly pray thee, on those who hear thy truth in this favoured land, and who, loving darkness rather than light, refuse to attend to the Saviour's voice, which calls them to safety and to peace. Take from them all hardness of heart and contempt of thy word; and deliver them from the heavier condemnation of those who know their Father's will, but do it not. And while we pray thee, O God, to raise up many faithful shepherds to feed thy flock, we also pray thee to keep back those, who may be about to enter on the work of the ministry from worldly motives. Preserve them, we beseech thee, from the awful punishment awaiting those, who make merchandize of immortal souls.

Bless us all, O Lord, according to our respective wants and necessities. Quicken any who are in spiritual death; recover those who have gone back to the ways of the world; make those decided who are halting between two opinions; and build up thy people in their most holy faith. All we ask is in the name of Jesus, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O MOST merciful God, we draw near unto thee this evening, in the name of our great High Priest. We cry as weak and helpless children to thee our gracious Father. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, for all thy mercies to us. For thy care of us during the past day, we desire now to thank thee.

But as all thy blessings can only flow to us through Jesus, we would especially adore and magnify thy holy name, for thine inestimable love in redemption through Him. O Lord, teach our hearts to praise thee, for they are cold and lifeless; help us to love thee more, and serve thee better. The things of the world too often draw our hearts from thee. Our flesh, which thou hast directed us to crucify, pleads to be indulged. Oh, give us the Spirit in abundant supply, to subdue the power of the flesh, and to nourish *thy* hidden life within. Our desire is to

grow daily in grace, and in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus. As thou hast given us the desire, do thou in thy mercy satisfy it; and so replenish us with thy grace, from day to day, that we may have increasing enjoyment in thy happy service.

O Lord, we find it easy to offer thee the homage of our lips, and to put ourselves in the attitude of prayer; but to love thee—to worship thee—to find pleasure in communion with thee—is the work of the Spirit. Oh, may he reveal to us the glory of Jesus, and unfold the beauties of thy holy word. Bless the Church at large, that the whole body may be filled with light and holiness.

Look in mercy, O Lord, upon those who are in sickness, in sorrow, in want, or in any other affliction. Be thou present to comfort them. Remove every false prop upon which they may lean, in their time of trial; and lead them to find in thee an unfailing support in every time of need. Comfort those who mourn under the absence of spiritual peace. Show them wherein they may be grieving thee; and remove

the clouds which hide thee from their view. Make thy people joyful in thy salvation, that thy saints may sing praise unto thee, from day to day.

O Lord, if there be any amongst us who through fear of death are still in bondage, speak peace to their souls, by the blood of Jesus. Show them that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus; and give them the liberty of the children of God. But, O blessed Lord, expose the false confidence of those who fear not death, though they are still far from thee. Make them feel that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. O thou who didst command the light to shine out of darkness, shine into their hearts; and give them the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us; pity our weakness. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Thou canst feel for thy suffering members on earth, for thou thyself didst suffer. O blessed Lord, have compassion on us. Raise us from our low

estate. Stamp thine own image upon our hearts; and may they daily be impressed more deeply, by the effectual working of the Holy Ghost.

Pardon the sins of the past day. Bless whatever we may have undertaken or performed in thy strength, and for thy glory; and give us, each day, to abound in love and zeal for thee. May we sleep in safety, this night, under thy protection; and, at last, may we sleep in Jesus, or be changed into his likeness at his coming. Hear and answer us, O Lord, for his name's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O BLESSED Lord, we esteem it our duty and privilege to worship thee. We praise thee that thou hast promised to hear and answer the prayers that we present unto thee through our Lord Jesus Christ. In his only name, we now draw near to thee. O grant that our services may not be cold and lifeless forms, but the fervent aspirations of rejoicing hearts.

We give thanks to thee, O Lord, for thy protection of us during the past night, and that thou hast renewed our lives to serve thee yet another day. We would here dedicate ourselves to thee afresh, and repeat our solemn professions of living to thy glory this day. Thou hast created us; thou hast redeemed us; thou hast blessed us with all we possess. Our all has been received from thee, and, through thy grace, our all shall be devoted to thee. Send us the Holy Ghost, in such power, as shall subdue the fleshly desires of our hearts, and constrain us to devote ourselves, and all we

have, to the setting forth of thy glory. We grieve to think how much of our Master's goods we have wasted on self and vanity. Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with love to thee, and to our adorable Redeemer; and then shall our all be employed in thy service.

We pray thee also, for Christ's sake, to be our instructor in righteousness, and in the truths of thy holy word. Then shall we meditate on thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. We will speak of thy testimonies also, and not be ashamed. Thy statutes shall be our song in this house of our pilgrimage. We will delight ourselves in thy commandments. Thy word shall be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path: it shall be the very joy of our heart.

We are now entering upon the duties of another day. Be thou with us, O Lord, to watch over and preserve us from the unnumbered snares by which we are surrounded. Thou hast declared, that the world, through which we walk, lieth in the wicked one. Oh, keep and guard us, lest we this day fall into the

snares which the enemy of our souls has prepared for our ruin. Hold up our goings in thy ways, that our footsteps slip not.

Give us, O God, a heart to feel for the wants of others. Make us ready to give, and glad to distribute, of the store with which thou hast blessed us. But, above all, give us hearts to feel for the misery of the unconverted, who, being blinded through the deceitfulness of sin, yet dream of safety, while they are on the brink of ruin. Have mercy upon them, O Lord. Oh, rouse them by thy mighty voice to a sense of danger, ere they be awakened from the sleep of sin by the call of death or by the day of judgment. May the Spirit lead them to the Lord Jesus, and turn their hearts to the love of holiness.

Lord, grant that we may all so live in communion with thee, that we may experience a constant sense of thy favour and blessing, and have the enjoyment of thy presence in life, in death, and throughout eternity. We plead for all these mercies, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FRIDAY EVENING

O THOU, that dwellest in the highest heavens, before whom angels veil their faces while they worship thee, it is meet and right that we should draw near to thee in deep humiliation.

And yet, Lord, we praise and bless thee, that we can come with boldness, and with the confidence of children, to a loving Father, through Jesus, who has reconciled us by his blood. May all here present approach thee through him. Take from any, who may yet retain it, the natural mind, which is enmity to thee, that while thou art willing to receive all in Christ, none may be found unwilling to receive thy mercies in Him. Lord, if thou hadst not loved us first, we had refused thee still. To thee be all the praise, that we love to worship thee. Teach us to do so more perfectly. Conquer thou in us the remaining power of a carnal mind.

O adorable Lord Jesus, who hast purchased the Spirit for the Church, and who knowest

what each member of thy body requires—give us such a plentiful supply, that thy name may be glorified in us. Let a continued stream of mercy flow down, to enrich and sanctify our souls. So shall we enjoy the life of holiness.

We desire, O heavenly Father, a clearer knowledge and perception of the truth of thy holy word. By it do thou teach and reprove us, and instruct us in righteousness. May the Spirit lead us into all truth, even into the deep things of God. Make us more acquainted with the deceitfulness of our own heart. Show us its hidden evil. Let us not be ignorant or unmindful of the devices of Satan. Give us grace to resist, and to overcome. Awaken our slumbering conscience; and strengthen us to obey its heavenly dictates. O let none of us so resist thy voice within, as to provoke thee to give us over to a reprobate mind. Alarm the careless; confirm the weak; and strengthen thy people in their most holy faith. Send forth the Spirit with power to arrest the ungodly in their downward course. Raise the standard of christian devotedness.

Teach those who call themselves by thy name, to deny themselves—to take up their cross, and follow Jesus—to cease from conformity to the ways of a sinful world—and to be separate from sinners, and from sin. Make thy people to be holy in all manner of conversation. Revive the spirit of brotherly love; and make the multitude of them that believe to be of one heart and of one mind.

O God, who hast promised to bless the families of thy people, look down on this family in thy great love and mercy, and be gracious to every member of it. [We pray especially for the children, and we beseech thee to bless them from their earliest days. Teach them to know and love thee. Give them grace to follow their Saviour fully, and thus to be kept from the manifold snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil.] Teach us all to keep eternity constantly in view, and so to pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal.

We give thee thanks, O gracious Lord, for thy care of us during the past day. A thousand

ills would have befallen us, if thou hadst not watched over us; and by many of the temptations of Satan we should have been overcome, if thou hadst not strengthened us. Wherein we have yielded—to ourselves be all the shame, and may thy love pardon our sin, through Jesus; wherein we have resisted, to thee be all the glory. O strengthen us from day to day, till, our weary journey being over, we shall rise to inherit that heavenly city, where sin and sorrow shall be no more. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Christ Jesus' sake. AMEN.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O THOU, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet humblest thyself to receive the prayers and praises of thy servants upon earth, we approach thy footstool this morning, in the name of thy beloved Son Jesus.

We come to confess our sin—to implore thy blessing—and to sing thy praise. We would lay the burden of our sins upon our great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. We adore his holy name who bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows, and made reconciliation by the blood of his cross. To the merits of his sacrifice and righteousness alone we look for pardon and salvation.

We implore thy blessing, O heavenly Father, for Christ's sake. Thou knowest what we stand in need of. Make us, we pray thee, more spiritually minded. Remove from our hearts whatever exalteth itself against thee. Take away all self-esteem, and self-indulgence; and give to us the meek and humble spirit of the

Lamb of God. Make us lowly in our own eyes—swift to condemn ourselves, and slow to judge our neighbour. Restrain all hastiness of speech, of temper, and of conduct. Give us that charity which suffereth long and is kind; which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, which vaunteth not itself, and is not puffed up.

Bestow upon us, O Lord, an abundant measure of thy Spirit, that our whole body, soul, and spirit may be brought into submission to thee. Make us so perfectly conformed to thy will, that whether sickness or health, poverty or wealth, prosperity or adversity be our lot, we may say, Thy will be done. Lord Jesus, be thou our joy—the glory of our brightest day—the comfort of our gloomiest night. May all our happiness be drawn from thee; so that no outward circumstances shall rob us of our peace.

But, O our Father, we cannot number our wants, nor our sins and infirmities. Thou knowest all, and yet knowing, dost love us still. Thou dost hate the sin, but love the

sinner. O blessed Lord Jesus, in thee we shelter our guilty souls, and rejoice in the blessings which, through thee, we are entitled to receive. Give us largely of thy grace; that we may be enabled to forsake those sins which thou dost hate, and follow that holiness which thou dost approve. Give us the Spirit, as an earnest of our inheritance, that our souls may rejoice in the blessed foretaste of the glory that is yet to be revealed.

Be with us throughout the whole of this day. O Lord, direct, control, suggest, all we shall do, or think, or say. Keep us mindful that this is the preparation of the Sabbath. May our minds be prepared for thy service, that we may worship thee without distraction on the morrow, should our lives be prolonged. And may we ever so live by faith on the Son of God, that to depart, and to be with Christ, would be to us far better than to abide in this world of sin. O our God, hear us, answer us, and bless us. Give us more than we have asked, and much more than we deserve, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

SATURDAY EVENING.

MOST blessed Lord, by whose kind providence we have been brought in safety through another week, we pray thee, in the name of Jesus, to meet us with thy favour, and to manifest thyself to our souls, while we now approach thy throne of grace.

We come with holy awe, and with filial confidence. We speak to thee with humility, and yet with boldness. Lord, we know that thou art ready to bless us, for thou delightest in showing mercy. We are truly the objects for thy compassion, for we are poor and needy sinners. Look upon us in thy mercy; subdue us to thine obedience; exalt us to thy holiness; make us monuments of thy grace and of thy redeeming love. Empty us completely of self; fill us with the fulness of thy Spirit. Breathe a new and holy life into those who may yet be dead in sin. Let none of us, now kneeling in thy presence, be at last found absent from amongst the number of

those who shall appear with thy Son in his glory.

O heavenly Father, we confess that we are too much occupied with the things of time and sense. Do thou so reveal to us the powers of the world to come, that the things of this world shall lose their value in our eyes. Occupy us so with thyself, that we shall have neither time, nor taste, for what does not directly tend to profit. O our Father, we are very weak. We are easily led to follow the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have a crafty enemy who watches for our halting, and suits his temptations to our peculiar weakness. Do thou interfere in our behalf. Strengthen us with might, by thy Spirit, in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the length, and breadth, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

And grant to thy Church at large, O God, the greater enjoyment of thy heavenly gift. Send forth the Comforter, to abide with thy Church, till thou dost return in thy glory. Manifest thyself to thy people as thou dost not to the world. Bless abundantly those who are to stand up on the morrow to preach the gospel of thy grace. Let not their dependence be on any wisdom or power of their own, but on the teaching and power of the Holy Ghost. And we beseech thee to send forth more labourers into thy vineyard to testify of Jesus; and raise the standard of ministerial devotedness. Oh, prepare the hearts of the careless, the ungodly, and the worldly, to receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save their souls. And grant that Satan may not prevail to choke the good seed by worldly cares. May the coming Sabbath be a blessing to each of our souls—a day in which the Lord may be magnified amongst us.

Bless the various institutions in our land, established to benefit the sick and needy, or to promote the knowledge of thy holy word.

Give to their governors a single eye to thy glory; and may they be taught to wait upon thee for that blessing, which alone can give success to their labours.

And now we beseech thee to take charge of us, this night, and to refresh our weary bodies with needful rest. To thy blessing, O heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all that are near and dear to us, in the name of Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

FOURTH WEEK.

SABBATH MORNING.

O MOST merciful Father, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we praise thee that thou hast encouraged us to make known our requests in prayer unto thee; be thou graciously pleased to hear, and answer us, who now draw near to thee, through thy Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, we praise thee for the appointment of the Sabbath—for the ordinances of thy house, and for the ministry of thy word. But unless thou art with us, our services this day will be lifeless and cold. In vain shall we hear, read, or pray, if thy life-giving Spirit quicken us not. We plead with thee for the Holy Spirit, that our worship may be spiritual, and that our hearts may be joyful in thy salvation. Dispose us to receive with meekness the ingrafted word, and strengthen us to retain it. Grant us so to

enjoy thy service, that prayer and praise may go forth from the abundance of our hearts. Fill us with love to Jesus, by displaying to our view his wondrous love to us.

And, O heavenly Father, who art pleased, by the foolishness of preaching, to confound the wisdom of the wise, and to save them that believe, give effect to thy word this day. Teach thy faithful servants rightly to divide the word of truth, and to give to each of thy children the portion which may supply their spiritual wants. And thou, O Eternal Spirit, whose sword the word is, wield it with mighty power to the wounding of the conscience of those who are living without God in the world, and to the cutting down of the flesh, with its affections and lusts. May thy servants, O Lord, be taught to lean upon thy strength, and not to their own understanding; and may they be so filled with the love of souls, that out of the abundance of their hearts their mouths may speak thy praise. May heaven rejoice, this day, in the conversion of many from the love of the world and of sin, to holiness and to thee.

Be with all those, who, by sickness, or any other providential impediment, are prevented from attending thy house of prayer. While unable to come to the stream, may they be supplied from the fountain of truth. Convince those of their sin, who wilfully neglect thine ordinances or who satisfy conscience by vain excuses. Show them, Lord, ere it be too late, that thy long-suffering has an end; and that while thy Sabbaths are full of blessing to those who improve them, they will bring a fearful curse on those who neglect or profane them.

Look in mercy upon those who are living in heathen darkness, and who have not heard the Gospel in which we are called to rejoice. Raise up many, we pray thee, of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, who will bear to them the message of a Saviour's love. Bless whatever instruction may be given to the young, in our own land, this day; and may all who water the souls of others be themselves abundantly watered.

May the God of peace, who, as on this day,

brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight. To the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be all praise and glory ascribed, now and ever. AMEN.

SABBATH EVENING.

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalte thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triump into thy kingdom in heaven, we beseeech th to receive us graciously, while through him v draw near to worship thee, on the evening this thy holy day.

Thou hast added to our blessings the enjo ment of another Sabbath. Thou hast permitt us to hear what many prophets and kings d sired to hear, and heard not. We have hea the joyful sound of the gospel of peace—th reconciliation has been made by the blood Jesus, in whom thou hast treasured up needful blessings; and we have been invit to receive out of his fulness, grace for gra O blessed Lord, we are utterly unworthy the least of all thy mercies; but thou art God ready to pardon. Grant that with than ful hearts we may partake of thine inesti able benefits; and show forth thy praise, n only with our lips, but in our lives.

Give to us more of the Spirit, we beseech thee, O Lord. Stamp thy holy image more fully upon our hearts. Deliver us from the love of every thing which is contrary to holiness; and may we never be satisfied with any attainment, till we are filled with all the fulness of God. Thou hast encouraged us to ask great things. Lord, we would do so now. Answer us, and do as thou hast said. We plead the promises which thou hast given us in thy word. Satisfy our largest desires. Make us to feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and give us to see the abounding love of Jesus—the fulness, the freeness of his grace—the efficacy of his atonement, by which sinners, such as we, are saved from condemnation. May we have deeper views of the deceitfulness of our hearts, and of the exceeding riches of redeeming love. We cast all our care upon thee, for thou carest for us. Thou knowest our frame: thou rememberest that we are but dust. Oh, stablish and confirm us in thy love and service.

O God, pardon, for Christ's sake, whatever thou hast seen amiss in us and our services,

this day. We are conscious of much imperfection, but thine all-seeing eye discovers much more. Oh, blot out our trangressions, and cleanse us from our sins. We also beseech of thee, O heavenly Father, to have pity upon those who have no pity upon themselves—those who have heard thy word, this day, but regard it not—who have listened both to thy threatenings and promises, but heed them not. Lord, awaken them, and convert them, that the word of thy truth, this day delivered, may not witness against them, and add to their condemnation.

We pray thee, O Lord, to bless abundantly all who have been engaged in any work of faith, and labour of love, for thee. Bless the ministers of the Gospel, who have preached thy word this day; and enable them most fully to practise what they have faithfully spoken. Bless, we beseech thee, the preaching of thy truth to the souls of many in our land. Fulfil thy promise, that thy word shall not return unto thee void. As each Sabbath finds us nearer to eternity, so may it leave us more

resolved to live to thy glory. May all our resolutions be begun and continued in thee; and to thee be all the praise of working in us, both to will and to do, of thy good pleasure.

Hear us, gracious Lord. Pardon our wanderings, and seal us with the Holy Spirit of promise, unto the day of redemption, for the sake of our adorable Redeemer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

MONDAY MORNING.

WHAT shall we render unto thee, O Lord, thou God of heaven and earth, for all the mercies which we daily receive at thy hands! Thy goodness has preserved us through the night, and brought us, in safety, to the beginning of another day.

We are permitted this morning to worship at the throne of grace;—to fly to the prevailing intercession of our great High Priest;—to speak to thee with the confidence of children;—to call thee, Abba, Father.

O our God, we are weighed down under a sense of thy free and unmerited mercies, and of our own ingratitude. Give us hearts to feel thy love in Christ—to comprehend the riches of redeeming love—and to act as becomes those, who are partakers of so great a benefit. Who are we, that thou shouldest have visited us with the light of gospel truth, while millions of our fellow creatures are sitting in heathen darkness! Who are we, that thou shouldest

have made that truth effectual to the salvation of our souls, and conveyed it to our hearts, while it shines upon so many around without effect. Lord, we have nothing to give thee in return for thine unnumbered blessings; but we will take the cup of salvation, and call upon thy holy name.

We are encouraged by thy past mercies, and by the promises of thy word, to ask thee still for more. Thou art more willing to give, than we are to pray. Look in pity upon us, while struggling to serve thee, in the midst of a world that knowns thee not. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, still keep the sons of men far from thee; and even those that know thee are too much influenced by the things of time and sense. We pray thee to draw our hearts to the things above, and to let us see this world in the light of eternity. Reveal to us the amazing love of Jesus, and so take possession of our affections and our thoughts, that to live for thee may be the business of our lives. Rule thou supreme in our minds during the

whole of this day. Let every thing be said and done, as in thine immediate presence. Let thy peace rule in our hearts. Remove from amongst us all light or trifling conversation. May our speech be always with grace; and may our hearts be filled with thy love.

And, O Lord, if there be any now present, or any of our relatives and friends, who are yet strangers to thee—who are living after the course of this world—whose lives proclaim that they love thee not, convert their hearts, we implore thee, and lead them to find that peace which the world cannot give. Oh, draw them by terror, or by love, to lay hold upon Jesus, as a refuge from the wrath to come. Expose the false hopes of those, who, while they have a name to live, are yet dead before thee. In mercy reclaim those, who, after having followed thee for a season, have returned to the world and its ways. And strengthen thy people, by the continued power of the Holy Ghost, that they may grow more in knowledge, in love, in holiness, in separation from the world, and in devotedness to thee.

And now, Lord, we would ascribe to thee the honour due unto thy name. Blessed be thou, the God of our salvation. Blessed be the adorable Redeemer, through whom we worship thee, and whom we also serve. And blessed be the eternal Spirit, by whom we are enlightened, sanctified, and comforted. AMEN.

MONDAY EVENING.

UNTO thee do we lift up our hearts, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. In the pitifulness of thy great mercy hear us; answer the prayers and accept the praises, which we present unto thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O God, teach us how to pray. Solemnize our hearts. Enable us to withdraw our minds from worldly thoughts, and to worship thee with spiritual minds. For ever blessed be thy name, for the great privilege of access to thee, and of being able to tell thee all our wants—and for the assurance that, for the worthiness of Jesus, thou wilt bestow upon us thy heavenly blessings. O Lord, we have much to grieve over. Teach us to love thee more, and to serve thee better. Our hearts are still too fond of earthly things; and often have we come to thee by constraint, when we should have sought thee with all the fulness of desire. For the sake of thy dear Son, grant us a more abundant supply of the Spirit,

and keep up the power of religion in our souls. Lead us to enlarged views of the Redeemer's glory, and deeper views of the evil of our hearts. Show us more of the deformity of sin, and the beauty of holiness. Strengthen us to imitate the example of Jesus; and give us the mind that dwelt in him.

We ask for great things, O our Father; for thou hast encouraged us so to do; thou lovest to bless thy children who cry unto thee, and, who mourning their deficiency, look to thee for strength. Blessed Saviour, thou art our strength. Thou knowest how much we have to contend with. The world, with its seducing pomp and vanity—the flesh, with all its unholy desires—the devil, with all his art and power, are leagued against us; and, we confess, that we do not resist them as we ought.

But while we grieve over our short-comings, we would praise thee for what thou art to us, and for what thou hast allowed us to enjoy of thyself. Thou art our reconciled Father. We are thine adopted children, whom thou lovest in Jesus. Bless thy children, O Lord.

Thou hast promised to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask thee. We plead that promise this day; for without thy grace we droop and die. O that we may live more to thy glory, and enter, even now, into the joy of our Lord.

Gracious God, increase thy gifts to all who know thee. Make thy Chuch a glory in the earth. Call many more to be faithful preachers of thy holy word; and may all who minister in holy things be living examples to their flocks, of personal sanctity and devotedness.

And now, we would give thee thanks, O God, for thy care of us during the past day. Take us, and all whom we desire to remember in prayer before thee, under thy watchful providence, this night. Preserve us in thy faith and fear through the remaining portion of our life on earth; and make us continually to rejoice in the prospect of endless glory, through Jesus; to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour, praise, and power, for ever and ever. AMEN.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast commended thy love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, thou didst give thy Son to die upon the cross for us; be thou mercifully pleased to show us the light of thy countenance, and do thou bless and comfort us, while we now draw near to worship thee. We trust, alone, to the atoning blood of Jesus. All our dependence is on him, for time, and for eternity.

Thou art greatly to be praised, O Lord, for the love that thou hast shown to us, guilty sinners. We have rebelled against thee; we have provoked thee to anger; we have been transgressors against thy laws; and thou wouldest have been just, hadst thou condemned us to the lake of fire. Yet, in mercy thou hast spared us, and hast made known to us thy willingness to save by the Son of thy love. Be thy name adored for those who, through grace, believe; and be thy mercy entreated for those who, as yet, are dead in

trespasses and sins. Give them the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ. Cause the day-spring from on high to visit them.

And let none of us, O Lord, be satisfied with a mere deliverance from the punishment of sin. Give us such a hungering and thirsting after righteousness—such an ardent love for holiness, as will make us press after an abundant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom. O blessed Saviour, who hast received all the fulness of the Spirit for thy Church, we beseech thee to give to us that Spirit, in all the power that thou seest we require. Oh, cleanse our hearts; and mortify our carnal desires. Lead us to a higher perception and enjoyment of spiritual things; increase our love to thee. May we, through faith in thy word and promise, be raised above the world, to live in happy, peaceful waiting for thy coming. We desire to be kept in that weaned state from worldly things, that we shall long for thee, and love the time of thine appearing. Cut those ties that bind our souls to earth. Enable us to walk through

this world as Jesus did. We grieve to feel how much our hearts still cling to the things of earth. Strengthen us for the time that remains; and enable us to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

[Thou knowest, O Lord, how much we need thy continual help. Do thou guide and protect us as the sheep of thy pasture. We commend especially to thy gracious care the younger members of this family. Give unto them thy Holy Spirit, that they may be taught to love and fear thee, and to make a conscience of their ways in all they think, and say, and do. Grant that they may grow in grace daily, and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.]

We have great reason to praise thee for thy continued mercies toward us. We thank thee, O God, for the rest, protection, and preservation of the night past. We thank thee that we have had whereon to lay our heads, while others were in want and wretchedness. Give us hearts to feel for their miseries and to relieve them. Be thou near,

to us, all the day long, and let not our hearts wander from thee. Let thy word be the rule of our lives—thy Son our holy example—and thy Spirit our heavenly teacher. Let thy glory be our aim in whatever we do or say; and teach us so to value the joy of thy countenance, as to make any sacrifice, rather than lose it for a moment.

To the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be everlasting praise, majesty, and dominion, now and for ever. AMEN.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LAMB of God, thou adorable Redeemer, who hast taken away sin by the sacrifice of thyself; and by one offering hast perfected for ever them that are sanctified; through thee we approach the throne of grace, this night, and worship our Father and our God.

We adore thee, O Lord God, for the many tokens of thy love which thou hast given us;—for thy holy word, and for him whom that word reveals, the Lord Jesus Christ. And we praise thee for the Spirit by whom thou hast sent that word to us, and by whom alone we can be led to the knowledge of its holy truth. Lead us into all truth; show us things to come; purify us from sin; and make us holy vessels meet for our Master's use. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

Thou hast added to our lives another day, O Lord. Thou hast been about our path, and

hast spied out all our ways. Thou knowest what we have done and said amiss, and what we have left undone. We could have no hope of salvation, had we not a Saviour. O Lord Jesus, we take refuge in thee this night; and beseech thee to grant us, each day, an increased supply of thy strength, that we may be delivered from the power of sin, to walk more closely with thee in spiritual life.

O our God, the ways of sin are the ways of slavery; thy service is perfect freedom. We pray for power to overcome sin, the world, and the devil. We would testify by our lips and by our lives, that thy ways are ways of pleasantness, and all thy paths are peace. Give us a rejoicing spirit, in the assurance that thine anger is turned away, and that thou art all love in Christ. Oh, give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of our calling. And enable us to walk worthy of that calling, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives.

Lord, increase our faith, and perfect that which is lacking in it, that we may glorify thy holy name. Give us the faith that lives upon the hope of thy kingdom. Give us the faith which works by love—which purifies the heart—which overcomes the world. O Lord, enable us not only to avoid all evil, but the appearance of it. Grant us to experience more of the death of sin, and the life of righteousness; so that Christ being formed within us by the power of the Holy Ghost, the support of that spiritual life may be the object of our daily care.

Into thy hands we now commend ourselves this night. Give us to remember thee upon our beds, and to meditate on thee in the night watches. Grant us such peace of mind, through Jesus, and such an assurance of future glory, that death may lose its terror for us, and that we should rejoice, were we to sleep this night in Jesus. Do for us exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, for the sake of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our only Advocate and Redeemer. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, look in compassion upon us, assembled this morning in the name of Jesus at thy throne of grace. We come under a sense of want and infirmity to thee the giver of every good and perfect gift. Thou, O Lord, hast proved thy willingness to give us all we need, by having sent thy well beloved Son to seek and to save that which was lost. O for hearts to praise thee for all the riches of redeeming love.

But, O heavenly Father, we cannot enter into the comprehension of thy love, nor enjoy the pleasure of fellowship with thee and with thy Son, unless thou dost give us the Holy Spirit. We pray to receive this gift in all its fulness. Take from us whatever hinders the full enjoyment of that heavenly gift. *Empty* us of all prejudice against whatever

thy truth may teach. Grant us to see thy will, and give us grace to follow it. Root out of our hearts all pride and selfishness. Make us teachable as babes, waiting upon thee to know thy will. O our Father, instruct us by the Spirit. Lead us into all truth. Thou hast declared thy willingness to grant whatever we ask in thy Son's name. We plead thy promises. We ask thee to do as thou hast said. We beseech thee to make us whatever thou wouldest have us to be. Remove whatever we possess, or wish to retain, which is inconsistent with thy word: and supply what is deficient, however opposed to our carnal will or fleshly reason.

Make us thy children after thine own will, O Lord. Enable us to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts; to practise self-denial; to combat the love of ease and self-indulgence; and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Make it the object of our daily care, to live the life of faith upon earth, and to be seperate from the world; and may we prove ourselves to be the followers

of the rejected Jesus. Grant us so to maintain the enjoyment of a spiritual life, that we may desire and even long for our heavenly home.

O our Father, we would glorify thee in our daily walk. We would spend, and be spent in thy service. Teach us to welcome shame, or death itself, so that thy name be magnified, and sinners be converted unto thee. Oh, make us feel more deeply thine exceeding great love in our Lord Jesus, and we shall abound in the fruits of gratitude. Impress upon us also the value of time, and enable us to redeem it from all vain occupations, and to employ it in thy happy service. Oh, how many precious hours, and days, and months, and years, have we wasted upon vain and unprofitable pursuits! Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord; but give us the will, and the strength, to devote what remains of our lives to him who lived and died for us.

O Lord, be merciful to us, according to thy word; for in thy favour is life; yea, thy loving-kindness is better than life itself. Make

thy face to shine upon thy servants; so shall we praise thee with joyful lips. We would now laud and magnify thy holy name; but when we see thee as thou art, we shall praise thee as we ought.

Answer these our petitions, O Lord, and accept these our poor unworthy praises, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all might, majesty, and dominion, for ever and ever. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD God, who hast given thy Son to die for sinners, and hast, through him, proclaimed peace and good-will towards men; we enter into thy presence, through his mediation, to enjoy the privilege of communion with thee.

We accept it, O Lord, as an unspeakable favour, that we are allowed to plead with thee, and that we can be assured of thy willingness to receive and bless us in the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us now the spirit of prayer and of supplication. May the Spirit sanctify our hearts; and our thoughts being withdrawn from worldly things, may we have joy in communion with thee.

We give thee thanks, O blessed Lord, for thy care and protection of us during the past day. We are unworthy of the least of all thy mercies; and yet thou art merciful to our infirmities, and compassionate to our wants. Thou art indeed a God of love. O give us thy

oly Spirit abundantly. May we be changed to thine image, from glory to glory, even by e Spirit of the Lord. May all the evil mpers and passions, that belong to our car- ıl nature, be subdued by thy grace. May ve, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, and eekness, prevail over the works of the flesh. nable us to imitate the example of Jesus, ho pleased not himself, but lived and died 'en for his enemies. Crucify all selfish feel- gs within us; and may the image of Christ ; ever manifest in us. Enlarge our hearts love our enemies; and remove all malice, · revenge. As we believe thou art ready to rgive us, make us willing from the heart to rgive those who may have injured us.

Grant, O our Father, we pray thee, that if ıy here present are yet uninfluenced by thy ɔirit, thou will mercifully bestow it upon em, for Christ's sake. Do thou, Lord Jesus, ho art the Good Shepherd, lead them to thy ld, and mark them as the sheep of thy pasture. each us all to know our own hearts—that we ay not deceive ourselves with the form of

godliness, nor expect peace while we walk in any indulged sin. Wash us all in thy most precious blood. Purify us all in the inner man; and seal us with thy Spirit unto the day of redemption.

O thou who art the brightness of the Father's glory, display that glory to us. Cause our hearts to rejoice with the tokens of thy love. Whom have we in heaven but thee; and there is none upon earth that we desire beside thee. Thou art our Friend, our Mediator, our Redeemer. Thou art the sacrifice for our sin, and our great High Priest. Thou art our all in all. Take possession of our hearts, we pray thee, and let them never wander from thy love.

O Saviour, we rejoice in the prospect of thy coming glory—when thou shalt reign in righteousness—when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ—when out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength; so shall we sing, and praise thy power.

As thou hast been about our path, this day,) God, so be thou about our bed, this night. Give us rest and refreshment for our weary bodies; and if a new day be added to our ives, may new supplies of thy Spirit be vouchsafed, to enable us to spend that day n thy service. Keep us, from day to day, n prayer, in watchfulness, in activity, and n peace with thee, till our day of life be pent, and our sun shall set in glory. Grant ll, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

THURSDAY MORNING.

MOST blessed Father and God, whom to know is life eternal, and whom to serve is perfect freedom, give us the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ; and help us now, through him, to offer to thee a spiritual sacrifice.

Thy mercies are new every day; great is thy faithfulness. Thou hast again preserved us in safety during the night, and dost allow us to worship thee this morning in peace. For all the blessings of this life, accept our thanksgivings. Thou fillest our hearts with food and gladness—thou protectest us as with a shield. But, O our God, renew the supplies of the Holy Spirit, to furnish our lamps with oil for the day, that we may shine as lights in the world. We cannot live this day upon the strength of yesterday. Give us a fresh and increased supply, that we may be more holy and devoted in thy service.

We would go forth in thy strength this

day. Display before us the unseen realities of thine eternal kingdom, that we may rise above the things of time and sense. O Lord, we grieve to think how much the world still prevails to draw our hearts from thee. Crucify us to the world, and the world to us. May we be dead to its enjoyments, and find no pleasure in anything on earth, except as it leads us to thee, or is connected with thy service. Make us truly citizens of a heavenly city—strangers here, in the land of our pilgrimage. May we often dwell upon the glory that is to be brought to us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. May our hearts have no place for the trifling concerns of this passing scene.

Grant to thy faithful people, O Lord, the enjoyment of all thy spiritual gifts. Thy Church is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Be thou seen in the midst of her; and may each member of thy body here on earth be an epistle of the Spirit, read and known of all men. O separate us from the world, and let us shine as a city set upon a hill.

Strengthen the hands of those who labour in thy word and doctrine. May the truths of thy revealed word be taught them from above, that they may teach others. Lead us into all thy truth, O Lord; and sanctify us by the same.

We praise thee, O our God, for the blessings of thy providence and thy grace; for freedom from merited sufferings, and for the hope of eternal glory, through Jesus. We praise thee for a crucified, risen, and ascended Saviour. Bestow thy gifts on us, O merciful Lord, and endue us with power from on high. Give faith to those who have it not; increase that faith to those who possess it. May our lives proclaim thy praise; and may we ever rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Blessed Lord, thou only knowest what trials and temptations may befal us this day. Keep us by thine almighty power: preserve us from temptations if it be thy will; deliver us if tempted. Enable us to keep in mind the hope of our calling; and neither to say

nor to do what may be inconsistent with our profession. We would live this day, as though it were our last; strengthen us so to do. Let the power of the Spirit be felt by us, subduing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and bringing every thought, and word, and action, into captivity to thee.

Father of mercies, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto thee. Be thou our very present help this day, and in every time of need, for the sake of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THURSDAY EVENING.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should assemble to pray to thee, O Lord, and to praise thee for those blessings which we so continually receive.

At the close of this day we present ourselves before thee, and, pleading the merits of thy beloved Son, make known our requests unto thee. Praise be to thy name, that thou hast granted us so great a privilege. Pardon us, O God, wherein we have hitherto neglected, or abused it, by drawing near with our lips, while our hearts have been far from thee. Now, let us worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Thou knowest our necessities before we ask, yet would we tell them to thee, O Lord. We make confession of what our consciences accuse us. Our services have been defective—our hearts have wandered from thee—our love has been imperfect. Look at us, *not* as we are in ourselves, but as we are

in the Lord Jesus Christ; view us as complete in him. Oh, praise be to thee for such a Saviour, through whom thou canst be just, and yet the justifier of the weakest believer. Yet, Lord, we would not continue in weakness. We humble ourselves, because we are so far from being what we ought to be. We would follow on to know thee better; we rest not satisfied with anything we have obtained; but press forward toward the mark for the prize of our high calling. We wish for the perfection of holiness—to be filled with the fulness of our God. We rejoice to think, that when this mortal shall have put on immortality, we shall be like thee, for we shall see thee as thou art. Give us patience to wait thy will and time, when thou shalt set us free from a body of sin and death. We are pained by sin. We groan under its burden. We long for deliverance. Conquer it in us, each day, more and more, O Lord, by the indwelling Spirit. We would spare no sinful lust, or evil propensity.

Blessed Lord, we have too long walked

unworthy of our calling. We are weak in faith, when we might have been strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. We have been too neglectful of prayer, and of the study of thy holy word. We have too often leaned on the wisdom of man, and have not sought that wisdom which cometh from thee. Lord, we would throw ourselves on thy teaching. Whilst we thankfully receive the helps that thou hast given us in an appointed ministry, and the ordinances of thy Church, we would pray thee to guide and lead us by the Spirit. Incline us to follow the Lamb, withersoever he goeth, and make us ripe for an abundant entrance into thy heavenly glory.

O our God, if any here present confess thee with their lips, but in works deny thee, show them their danger, and lead them to the Saviour. Wash them in the fountain of his blood. Convert them by the Spirit. Look in mercy on the careless and thoughtless. Oh, reveal to them Jesus as a Saviour, before they shall see him as a judge. Instruct the igno-

rant; reclaim the backsliders; convince the unconvinced; convert the unconverted; and establish those who are weak in the faith. Feed them with the sincere milk of thy word, and lead them from strength to strength.

Grant us thy blessing, O Lord, before we retire to rest. May thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in thy knowledge and love, and in that of thy Son, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with each of us this night, and for evermore. AMEN.

FRIDAY· MORNING.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept us, and our offering of prayer and praise which we present unto thee, this morning, in the name of our adorable Saviour. Like as a father pitieth his children, so dost thou pity us, O Lord. Thou knowest our frame; thou rememberest that we are but dust. Let thy bountiful goodness speedily help and deliver us; and cause us to rejoice, while we now speak to thee in prayer.

O our God and Father, we wonder at the love that gave thy Son. Make us full partakers of that love, in the enjoyment of Christ, and in the possession of the Holy Ghost. May that heavenly teacher direct, control, and sanctify our hearts; that we, being brought under his holy power, may be separated from the world to thy service, and finally enter *into* the joy of our Lord.

We grieve to think, O blessed Lord, how long we have lived to ourselves—how little we have done for thee — how earnestly we have entered into the things of this life — and how coldly we have engaged in thy service. Quicken us, we pray thee, by the Spirit. Reveal to us from thy word the coming glory of Jesus. Show us our inheritance by faith; and so make known to us what thy love has prepared for us, that we may by that sight be weaned from the world, and be entirely devoted to thee. We wish to be so wholly thine, that thy glory may be the business of our daily care; that we may engage in nothing —enjoy nothing, which does not tend to thy glory. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit. Teach us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth. Give us the spirit of prayer, O Lord, that we may love to draw near to thee, through Jesus, and speak to thee as helpless children, to their heavenly Father.

Teach us to long for the time, most blessed Lord, when we shall be free from a body of sin and death—when we shall love thee with a

pure heart, fervently—when no earthly cares shall entice our hearts from thee—but when, in the likeness of the Saviour, we shall see thee as thou art, and praise thee as we ought. Till then, preserve and strengthen us; and grant us such supplies of the Holy Spirit as shall give us the conquest over the flesh, with its affections and lusts. May the image of thy holiness be stamped upon our hearts more strongly, and may our lives proclaim the holy power of our God.

We beseech thee, O merciful Lord, to look upon all who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate. Loose their bands who mourn in spiritual darkness or desertion. Support those who suffer under sickness and bodily pain; relieve those who are in want of the necessaries of life; and give us hearts of tenderness, that we may never spend on selfish indulgence or worldly display, what would remove the miseries of the afflicted in our land. Give us to feel thy love towards us, and we shall not see our brother have need, and *shut* up our bowels of compassion from him.

From the snares and temptations to which we may this day be exposed, we ask thy merciful protection, O Lord. Hold up our goings in thy way, that our footsteps slip not. Grant us patience for unceasing watchfulness.

Hear us, and answer us, for the sake of him whom thou lovest the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FRIDAY EVENING.

WHAT shall we render unto thee, O Lord our God, for all thine unmerited mercies? Thou dost preserve us in health, whilst others pine in sickness; thou dost preserve us in the enjoyment of abundance, whilst others perish through want. Thou dost give us a physician of the soul, the Lord Jesus Christ, whilst others sink in spiritual death. O that our hearts could praise thee, and that all within us could worthily magnify thy holy name. Set thy love before us, O Lord. Enlarge the powers of our souls to feel thy love constraining us, no longer to live so much to ourselves but to him who loved us and gave himself for us.

But, Lord, we often fail in doing what we know to be right. To will is present with us, but the power to perform that which is good, we have not. Let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Be thou merciful to our infirmities; and graciously supply

us with the Spirit, that we may be enabled to perform what our consciences approve.

O Lord, we can do nothing without thee. We are weak and helpless children; but thou art our Father. Give us then the children's portion. Feed us with food convenient for us. Let the manna of thy word, and the stream of thy Spirit, be given for our daily nourishment; and may our souls be abundantly satisfied therewith. We wish to grow more in grace, O Lord—to grow in the knowledge of our own hearts, and of thy love in Jesus. Thy Church is indeed the temple of the Holy Ghost; may we, as members of thy spiritual body, manifest the mighty power of an indwelling God. May our flesh be crucified, and self be conquered; may the world be overcome; and may heavenly peace be enjoyed. Be thou glorified in us and by us, as thou seest best.

Lord, thou knowest all hearts; thou seest whether we are all born of the Spirit, and are walking with thee in newness of life. O thou high and holy One, who canst read

our most secret thoughts, give us to know our state and character. We cannot deceive thee: let us not deceive ourselves, nor vainly dream of safety, whilst we sin against conscience, and walk in the path of indulged iniquity. O Lord, make the unconverted heart thine own. Subdue it to the obedience of faith. Remove Satan from his empire there; and reign thou within. Prove that thou art stronger than the strong man armed, that keepeth his goods in peace. Let angels rejoice in the conversion of sinners.

Teach us all to walk as brethren—to be of one heart and of one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel. Remove from among us all envy, and anger, and selfishness. Enable us to bear with each other's faults, not being extreme to mark what is done amiss, but in love forgiving one another, as we feel we have so much to be forgiven of thee. Teach us also to bear each other's burdens; to feel, and act, as members of the mystical body of Jesus. O thou, who art the head of the body, the Church, give

is, out of thy fulness, all needful supplies of piritual strength, that we may grow up unto hee in all things, and adorn thy doctrine y a life of holiness.

We beseech thee mercifully, O Lord, to ncline thine ear to us who have now made ur prayers and supplications unto thee, and rant that those things which we have faithlly asked, according to thy will, may effectally be obtained, to the relief of our necessies, and to the setting forth of thy glory, rough Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with yself, and the Holy Ghost, be equal and ernal praise. AMEN.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. We praise thee, O Almighty Father, for thy love to guilty man, in the gift of thy Son Jesus. We praise thee, O thou adorable Redeemer, for the gift of thyself for the sin of the world. We praise thee, O Eternal Spirit, for thy sanctifying work in the elect of God.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, we adore thee for the full provision which thou hast made for our spiritual wants; for redemption by the Son, for sanctification by the Holy Ghost. May we all rejoice in thy covenant love, and walk in the light of thy countenance; so shall we have joyful access to thee, our heavenly Father.

O triune Jehovah, whom angels and glorified spirits adore, we too would praise thee, and rejoice in the prospect which thou hast given us, of worshipping thee in the perfec-

tion of holiness. We will praise thee, even here, in this house of our pilgrimage. We will lift our voices, weak though they be, and set forth the riches of redeeming love. O Lord, enable us to rise above the infirmity of the flesh, and to magnify thy glorious name.

O our Father, thou knowest all the weakness of the flesh and spirit—how we are still encompassed with infirmity. Hear us, then, while we plead with thee, through Jesus, for those spiritual blessings which we require. We desire not great things for ourselves. We covet neither silver, nor gold, which make themselves wings and flee away; but we ask for the durable riches of the Spirit. Give us love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness—yea, the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give us power over the world and the flesh. Feed us with the sincere milk of the word—with the bread that cometh down from heaven—with the meat that endureth unto everlasting life. May the Holy Spirit be in us a well of water, springing up into everlasting life; satisfying our thirst, while

we pass through this world of sorrow. Oh, that our hearts may be so occupied with things eternal, that we may look upon this world as affording no satisfying joy, and live as strangers in the land of our pilgrimage. May our life, which is hid with Christ in thee, daily increase in spiritual strength. Make us strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. May the power of godliness be daily exhibited in our lives; and may the Holy Spirit build us up in our most holy faith —stablish, strengthen, settle us.

O most merciful Father, grant these prayers and supplications, which thine unworthy children present unto thee this morning, in the name of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Bless us this day. Prepare us for the approaching sabbath, should we be allowed to enjoy it. Prepare thy ministering servants to preach the gospel of thy grace, on the morrow; and may our whole lives be a preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Grant these our prayers, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, and Author of everlasting life, bless us, thy waiting people, who now approach thee through the Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

We yield thee our thanks, most merciful Lord, for thy protection and preservation of us during the past day: and now, before we lay ourselves down to rest, we would praise thee for thy goodness, and make our requests known to thee in prayer. Thou art more willing to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than we desire or deserve. Thou lovest to see thy children throw themselves upon thy bounty, and plead thy gracious promises in Christ. Thou delightest in showing mercy. Thou pitiest our weakness. Bless us this night, with a plentiful provision from thy spiritual store.

We look back, O God, upon the week that

is past with pain, to think that we have so often offended thee, and that we have so often wounded him, who is our Head, and who is gracious to all his members. O our Father, pardon all our ingratitude—which is very great in thy sight. Mercifully bestow upon us such power of the Holy Ghost, as will conform us more to thy holy image; so shall we perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord, and walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called.

If it please thee, O Lord, that we should be spared to see the coming Sabbath, we pray thee to lead us into the fuller enjoyment of spiritual things. Enable us to realize by faith the day of the Redeemer's glory. May we be carried on by hope to that time, when he who suffered in weakness shall return to reign in glory; when he, the Sun of righteousness shall arise, and bless this dark and benighted world with heavenly light; when the day of promised rest shall come—the Sabbath of our God.

O heavenly Father, keep us mindful of that day. Enable us to live with that glory in view.

May we be raised up even now, and sit with Christ in heavenly places. May the eye of our faith be strengthened to pierce the dark clouds that hang around this world of sin, and to see the new heavens, and the new earth, in which righteousness shall dwell.

Blessed Lord Jesus, increase our spiritual growth; make us meet for glory. Oh, give us the Spirit, to follow thee whithersoever thou goest. May we always have the heart estranged from earthly things, and prepared to obey thy will. Show us thy way, O Lord. Make thy path plain before our face. Leave us not in doubt, how and where we can most faithfully serve thee. Speak thou the word, and thy servants will follow. Oh, direct us in the right way. Let us not lean to our own will or understanding, but teach us thy will, and dispose us to obey. O thou that art the brightness of the Father's glory, shine into our hearts; and so fill us with joy, by the light of thy countenance, that in the gladness of our hearts we may pray, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

And now we would magnify thy holy name, and worship thee, saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. AMEN.

SHORT FORMS

OF

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

FOR PARTICULAR OCCASIONS:

TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

O LORD, we have much to praise thee for: but, above all, would we bless thee for the gift of thy Son Jesus, whose birth into our world, "in the likeness of sinful flesh," we this day celebrate. We adore thee, O Father, for manifesting thy love to us in such a wonderful manner. We adore thee, O ever-blessed Lord Jesus, that thou didst leave the Father's glory, to live and die for sinners. Dwell in us, we beseech thee, by the power of the Spirit, that we may live and die in thee. Teach us to feel thine exceeding love and mercy; and give us grace to follow the example of thy great humility.

We present before thee this morning, O precious Saviour, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. We praise thee that thou didst visit this earth in mercy, to satisfy the justice of our offended God. O prepare us for thy second coming in glory, when thou shalt not be seen in suffering flesh, but appear to reign in triumph and great majesty.

GOOD FRIDAY.

O BLESSED Lord Jesus, who didst, as on this day, suffer death upon the cross, the just instead of the unjust, that thou mightest bring sinners unto God, hear us, now that thou art crowned with glory and honour. All power in heaven and earth is given unto thee. May we, by spiritual union, feel thy sufferings, and enter into thy death. Bestow on us the gift of the Holy Ghost, that sin may be crucified within us; that we may be dead to the world, and the world to us. We rejoice that thou hast nailed our sins to thy cross, O gracious Saviour. Dwell in us, we pray

e, and we shall be content to endure shame l suffering with thee. By thine agony l bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, adorable Redeemer, deliver us from the wer of the world, the flesh, and the devil, l enable us to live for thee alone.

EASTER SUNDAY.

THOU crucified, risen, and ascended Jesus, o didst, as on this day, conquer death, and ercome him that had the power of death— o didst rise from the grave and lead cap- ity captive, hear us we beseech thee. ticken those who may still remain dead to e, and raise them up unto newness of life; l give, we pray thee, to thy servants that wer of the Holy Ghost which thou art alted to bestow. May we live as risen th thee, and be partakers of the glory that about to be revealed. Raise up our oughts to thyself, and grant us the pure joyment of thy spiritual service. So wean r affections from this world of sin, that we y be ready to meet thee in the day of

thine appearing, when thou, the Sun of righteousness, shalt arise in thy glory.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

MOST blessed Lord Jesus, who hast ascended up on high, and led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, even for the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell among them, we pray thee to bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thou who hast promised that thou wouldest send the Comforter to abide with thy Church for ever, send us, we pray thee, this inestimable gift. May God the Holy Ghost dwell among us, and in us. May he, the Spirit of truth, guide us into all truth. May he glorify thee, by receiving of thine, and showing it unto us. O Lord Jesus, give us the Spirit, for holiness, for love, for crucifixion of the flesh, and for understanding the depth of the mysteries of thy holy word. May the Spirit be in us a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. We ask this not for our own glory, but for thine. Sanctify thy children, that they may be

able to glorify thee. Bestow this precious gift, O Lord, on all the members of thy mystical body, that thy Church may shine as a light in the world—a city set upon a hill, that cannot be hid.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. O eternal Father, who hast so loved a guilty world as to give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to die upon the cross for sinners, receive us while we come to thee through him.

O adorable Lord Jesus, who didst leave the Father's glory—who didst visit this earth in mercy—who didst suffer shame and reproach, and persecution and death, for us miserable sinners, intercede for us, while, through thee our atoning High Priest, we draw near to the throne of grace. In thee we trust—to thee we cling, as our only refuge from the wrath to come.

O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth

from the Father and the Son, shine into our hearts, and reveal the Father's love in the face of Jesus Christ. Fill us with thy power. Shine upon the cross of Jesus; and make known to us those hidden depths and treasures of his love, which the unconverted heart cannot receive. Dwell in each of us now before thee; and may each be a temple of the Holy Ghost. May our hearts bear witness to the glorious Trinity, by experiencing the Father's love, the Son's redemption, and the Spirit's sanctifying power.

IN THE EMBER WEEKS.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself a universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son,—mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy Church. And to those who shall be ordained to any

holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction—that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

CREATE within us, O God, a greater hungering and thirsting for that spiritual food, of which we are this day invited to partake. Blessed Lord Jesus, who art the bread of life, feed our souls. Meet us at that feast, which thou thyself in love hast prepared. We would show forth thy death, till thou dost come. Be thou at thine own table, we pray thee. Make thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. May our hearts rejoice, while we receive the tokens of thy dying love. May we, being very members incorporate in thee, be partakers of thy most precious body and blood. May spiritual strength and nourishment be communicated to us. May we have a blessed foretaste of that unspeakable joy, which we hope to real-

ize when we shall sit down at the marriage-supper of the Lamb, in our Father's kingdom. O Lord Jesus, our adorable Saviour, bring us to thy banqueting house, and may thy banner over us be love. May we see and feel thy love in more abundant measure. Display new glories to our souls, and call forth new songs of thankfulness and praise.

AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER.

BLESS us, we pray thee, O our God, who have this day been partakers of the tokens of a Saviour's love. For whatever enjoyment was given us at that spiritual feast, to thee be all the praise. For whatever coldness or deadness we experienced, to ourselves be all the shame. O Lord, we have presented to thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. We have dedicated ourselves anew to thy service. We have pledged ourselves to follow thee in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives. We have professed to be followers of a crucified Saviour. We have

shown forth his death, and expressed our desire to be conformed to his life. The vows of our God are upon us. O gracious Lord, confirm our self-dedication made this day. Give us the Spirit to help our weakness, and to bring our intentions to good effect. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in him. May we never withdraw those hearts which we have this day solemnly dedicated to thee. Having tasted of the heavenly gift, may we never again hunger and thirst after the things of this world.

FOR A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WHEN SICK.

O LORD our God, who art the comforter of those that are cast down, our strength in weakness, our support in sickness, look with compassion, we pray thee, upon that member of our family on whom thou hast been pleased to lay thy chastening hand. It is thy doing, O Lord; and we bow before thy sovereign will. All affliction is at thy command. Thou

dost say, Come, and it cometh; and thou dost say, Go, and it goeth. If it be thy merciful will, speak the word, and thy servant shall be healed. Remove what thou thyself hast sent. Yet, Lord, we would say, Not as we will, but as thou wilt. Grant *him* patience to bear what thou dost impose. May *he* neither despise thy chastening, nor faint when rebuked by thee. Manifest thyself to *his* soul; and grant that this affliction may be the means of drawing *him* more closely to thyself. May the sickness of the body tend to the improvement of the health of the soul.

WHEN A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS DANGEROUSLY ILL.

WE plead with thee, O Lord, for thy suffering servant in this house. We beseech thee, if it be for thy glory, or for *his* spiritual good, let this cup pass from *him*. Nevertheless, not our will, but thine be done. Grant *him* patience under suffering, and a happy issue in life or in death, out of *his* affliction. When *his* flesh and *his* heart faileth, be thou the

strength of *his* heart, and *his* portion for ever. O Lord, reveal thyself to *him*, in this hour of trial. Wash away *his* sins in the Saviour's blood, and sanctify *him* by the Holy Spirit. May *he* be enabled to say, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. May thy comforts refresh *his* soul. May *he* now taste that the Lord is gracious. May Jesus be precious to *him;* and may *he* find in him all grace to help, in this *his* time of need.

ON THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who dost not willingly afflict thy children, but dost chasten them for their good, look upon us in pity, we pray thee, who now are suffering under thy heavy chastisement. Thou, Lord, hast given, and thou hast taken away: enable us to add, Blessed be the name of the Lord. For the loan that thou didst give us of thy departed servant, we praise thee. Give us now the power of the Spirit, to bear the loss from

which we suffer. O blessed Lord Jesus, who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and who art a sympathizing Saviour, we commend ourselves to thee. Heal the wound which thou hast inflicted. Satisfy us with thyself, that we may find our all in thee. Bless to our souls, we pray thee, this heavy visitation. May it tend to wean our affections from the things of this vain and transitory world. May we find it better to be in the house of mourning, than in the house of feasting; and enable each of us to say, It was good for me to be afflicted. Prepare us all for the solemn hour of death. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and so bring us under the teaching of the Spirit, that living only for thy glory, we may know that when the earthly house of our tabernacle shall be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Oh, give us that faith in Christ and the promised glory, that we may be "willing to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord."

ON THE RECOVERY OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

WE praise thee, O God, for thine unmerited mercy, in that thou hast raised thy servant, in this our family, from the bed of sickness. We bless thee, that though thou didst chasten *him* sore, yet hast thou not given *him* over unto death. Oh, that the life which thy goodness has renewed, may now be unreservedly dedicated to thee. Thou hast had mercy, not on *him* only, but on us also, lest we should have sorrow upon sorrow. For this we praise thee. Thou hast delivered *his* soul from death, *his* eyes from tears, and *his* feet from falling. Give *him* grace, we pray thee, to walk before thee in the land of the living; to offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving; to call upon thy name, and to pay *his* vows unto thee. May *he* not forget to return thanks unto the Lord; may *he* never spend, in the pursuit of worldly vanity, that life which thou hast graciously spared. Oh, may this chastisement yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness in

him, by leading *him* to walk more closely with thee. And may we too, remembering our latter end—the vanity of the things of time—and the reality of the things of eternity, so walk in life, that we may always be ready for the hour of death.

FOR ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

O THOU whose eyes are everywhere, who art God over all, blessed for ever, we pray thee, for the sake of Jesus, to guard, and protect, and bless the members of this family now absent from us. Watch over them for good. Preserve them from dangers, both of body and soul. Keep them in thy faith and fear. Draw them and us each day more closely to thee, that so we may be closer to each other in the bonds of the gospel of peace. Manifest thyself to their souls. Give them an abundant measure of thy Holy Spirit. Teach them to live less for the world, and more with a single eye to thy glory. However separated here below, keep us rejoicing in the

prospect of the glory that is to be revealed, when all thy scattered children shall meet in the city of their God, to part no more.

AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

FATHER of mercies, who hast graciously added to the number of this family, and given us, at this time, great reason to rejoice in thy goodness and mercy—unto thee do we give thanks; and humbly we beseech thee to bless abundantly both the mother and her offspring. Grant unto thy servant a grateful heart for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto her; and bestow upon this infant thy heavenly grace from the very first. Let a blessing attend thine own ordinance, when baptized in the name of a Triune God. Let thy benediction rest on the future training of this child, that *he* may be led by the Spirit, and guided aright in the path of light and holiness. And grant that as *he* grows in years, *he* may grow in grace, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thine everlasting kingdom.

ON THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

O GOD, who hast promised to bless the families of thy people, mercifully vouchsafe thy blessing to the child about to be baptized in thy name, this day. May the outward sign be accompanied with the quickening grace of thy Holy Spirit. Let the seal of the Covenant be a pledge of blessing to the infant member of thy Church. And grant, blessed Saviour, that all who are thus dedicated to thee in their earliest days, may constantly be renewed by thy heavenly grace, and be trained up in thy faith, fear, and love; so that finally with the residue of thy holy Church they may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

IN THE TIME OF PESTILENCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, who in thy wrath didst send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against *Moses* and Aaron; and also, in the time of *king* David, didst slay with the plague of

pestilence threescore and ten thousand; and yet, remembering thy mercy, didst save the rest; have pity upon us, miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst command the destroying angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague of sickness, for the sake of Jesus. We praise thee that we have yet been spared; and that thou hast not cut off any amongst us, who may be yet in their sins. O wash us all in the fountain of the Saviour's blood; sanctify us by the Holy Spirit. Turn our hearts from the love of worldly things. Take from us the fear of death, and make us joyful in the hope of the glory that is to be revealed; that we may be always ready to go hence at thy call.

IN THE TIME OF IMMODERATE RAIN.

O GOD, who dost open thy hand and fill all things living with plenteousness, who hast also promised that, while the earth remaineth, seed-

time and harvest shall not cease—be gracious to us, we humbly beseech thee, in this time of our fears—now that the fruits of the earth are endangered by the present immoderate rain.

We confess that we deserve all thy wrath, because of our sins; and we would humble ourselves before thee, in the remembrance of our past ingratitude. Pardon our sins, we pray thee; and renew thy mercies to us from day to day.

Grant, O Lord, such favourable weather at this time, that the husbandman may gather in the fruits of the earth; and may we all learn by thy chastenings to amend our lives, and, for thy clemency, to give thee praise and glory. Above all, teach us to stay ourselves on thy promises in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FOR MISSIONARIES.

GRACIOUS Lord Jesus, who didst command thy disciples to go into all nations, and preach *the* Gospel to every creature; we ask thy

blessing upon thy faithful servants who have gone forth, in thy name, and according to thy will, to publish the good tidings of salvation in distant lands. Grant them an abundant measure of thy Holy Spirit. May they shine as lights in the dark places of the earth. May thy truth be glorified by their means. May the supplies of thy Spirit be more than equal to the trials which they may be called to endure. Make them faithful, even unto death. As they go forth, do thou stir up the hearts of thy people to send them on their way. May they so live the life of Jesus, as to preach by the holiness of their lives; and may they be the honoured instruments of turning many from darkness to light.

FOR THE JEWS.

O MERCIFUL Saviour, look with compassion upon the benighted children of Israel. O thou who didst say, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do," bless now thine ancient people. Pour out thy Spirit upon their seed, and thy blessing upon their offspring.

Take thou the veil from their hearts. Graft them into their own olive tree. Cause them to look to thee whom they have pierced, and mourn. May their hearts be stirred to seek and find, in thee, their long-expected Messiah; and may the blood which they once called down in vengeance upon their heads, be to them the blood of sprinkling and of pardon. Hasten the fulfilment of thy purposes, O Lord, to this nation. Lead them back to their own land. But, above all, reveal Jesus to them by the Spirit, as the way, the truth, and the life. Bless those who labour amongst them; and guide them, by the Spirit, to testify of Jesus, the true Messiah.

FOR THE HEATHEN.

MOST gracious Lord, who hast bestowed upon us the unspeakable gift of the Gospel of Christ, we would remember before thee those heathen nations, who now sit in that darkness which once enveloped our own land. O Lord, have mercy upon them. And thou, *Lord* Jesus, who art a light to the Gentiles,

as well as the glory of thy people Israel, send out the Spirit with power, to accompany the preaching of thy word, in the dark places of the earth. Gather out thy people from amongst them. And whilst thy gospel is preached for a witness unto all nations, may it be the power of God to the salvation of many who hear it. Set forth thine own glory, O Lord, by the conversion of sinners; and add unto thy Church daily, from among the heathen, such as shall be saved.

FOR THE GLORIOUS KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

WE hail the day, O blessed Lord Jesus, when thou shalt return to this earth in glory. We long for the time, O adorable Saviour, when thou shalt appear in thy kingdom. May that kingdom come, when thy will shall be done on earth as now it is in heaven—when thy way shall be known unto men, and thy saving health among all nations. Oh, hasten thy coming, when thou, the Sun of righteousness, shalt arise and have mercy upon

Zion—when the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising—when thy people shall be all righteous—when the earth shall be full of thy glory—when all nations shall call thee blessed—when thou shalt reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before thine ancients, gloriously. O give the Spirit with power to thy Church, that we may be raised above this world; and being now partakers of thy grace, may we be so filled with joy at the prospect of thy coming, as to count all earthly things but loss for thy sake. Fill us with the light and comfort of thy Holy Spirit; so shall we joyfully exclaim—COME, LORD JESUS, COME QUICKLY.

*** *The last four forms may be used as a continuous prayer, on Missionary occasions.*

THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain, and to refresh the earth when it lacked moisture, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy name. All these our thanksgivings we offer up in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING FOR A GOOD HARVEST.

O MOST merciful Father, who hast caused the earth to yield us its bountiful fruits, we bless thee for this abundant supply of our wants. Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy, and hast not denied us the bread of this life. Oh, may we, and all the people of our land, be devoutly thankful; may we

never forget thee, the gracious Giver, but be led to devote ourselves to thy service. Give us, O Lord, a spiritual appetite—a hungering and thirsting after righteousness; so shall we desire to feed on Christ as the true bread from heaven, and our souls shall be nourished unto life eternal. And this we beg for that Saviour's sake.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

FORMS OF BLESSING.

IE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
: love of God, and the fellowship of the
›ly Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

IE Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord
ke his face to shine upon us, and be graci-
; unto us. The Lord lift up the light of
countenance upon us, and give us peace,
v and for evermore. AMEN.

AY the peace of God, which passeth all
lerstanding, keep our hearts and minds in
knowledge and love of God, and of his
ı Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the
ssing of God Almighty—the Father, the
ı, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and
ıain with us always. AMEN.

AY grace, mercy, and peace, from God the
:her, the Lord Jesus, and the blessed Spirit,
with us in time, and for all eternity. AMEN
l AMEN.

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